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ARAB AGREEMENT ON ISRAELIS' PROPOSAL

Lausanne, August 2.

The Jewish-Arab peace conference here recorded its first major progress today since the talks opened last April.

Israel's four Arab neighbours told the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission at a private meeting that they are prepared to join immediately the discussion of the Palestine refugee problem on the terms proposed by Israel last week.

BUNCHE "MADE A MISTAKE"

Washington, August 2.

Democratic Representative Emanuel Celler told Congressional colleagues that Dr. Ralph Bunche had made an unfortunate mistake in ending his task as United Nations mediator for Palestine.

Dr. Bunche has asked that his functions be transferred to the United Nations Commission having as its reason that the military phase of the conflict is over. Mr. Celler said, "Unfortunately, reports reach us that such a military phase of conflict is not over."

He added that there are armistice agreements with Israel and the Arab countries but they may not be worth the paper they are written on. Peace may only be temporary, not permanent. He said, "Dr. Bunche shut himself in an ivory tower if he believes that real peace has descended upon Palestine. It would be tragic indeed if the UN, upon the advice of Dr. Bunche, assumes a do-nothing attitude. Despite the armistices, conciliation and mediation processes must continue."

Mr. Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said, "Under the guise and substance of treaty agreements Britain has lifted her arms embargo to the Arab nations."

"Vast quantities of small arms are pouring into Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Transjordan, and Lebanon and will be followed by heavier equipment and artillery. Against whom will these arms be used? Only against Israel in a war."

Mr. Celler said the U. S. Government should demand the continuation of all arms embargoes in the sensitive Near East areas and continuation of the Palestine Conciliation Commission. In its entirety. — United Press.

EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTIC

Oslo, August 3.

The Norwegian-British-Swedish expedition to the Antarctic is now planned to start from Norway on November 15, announces Professor H. U. Sverdrup, Director of the Norwegian Polar Institute.

All the equipment has now been ordered and will be ready in good time. The only shortage is dogs, and Captain John Glaver is going to Greenland to obtain 30 reliable animals.

The seal-catcher boat "Nord-sel" which is to carry the expedition South is now at Flensburg to be fitted out. Stronger engines will be installed.

On November 15, Nord-sel will call at Gothenburg to take on board the Swedish equipment, and will then proceed to Norway. It will also call at a British port where vegetables and fruit will be taken on board.

Fourteen scientists are taking part in the expedition including two meteorologists, two geologists, two glaciologists, and a topographer.

Jet Pilot Wins Brum Air Race

Birmingham, August 2.

Royal Air Force Squadron Leader T. S. Wade averaged 510 miles an hour in a jet fighter to win top speed honours in the annual challenge cup air races.

Flying a British Hawker P1040, his fastest lap was 563.56 miles an hour.

COMEDIAN DIES IN POVERTY

Oakland, August 3.

George Moran, 67, surviving member of the famous stage radio comedy team known as the "Two Black Crows", has died in the charity ward in hospital.

In the 1920's nearly every American home had at least one gramophone record made by "Moran and Mack" who commanded the highest salaries of show business during the appearances of George White's Scandals and the Zigfield Follies.

Moran had been living in an inexpensive hotel here since his partner, Mack, was killed in a car accident in 1934. — United Press.

BIRABONGSE IN GLIDER CRASH

Okehampton, August 2.

Prince Birabongse, of Siam, the racing motorist and glider pilot, crashed in his own glider near Okehampton today but escaped with a few cuts and abrasions.

He was flying from Cornwall and making for London when the last height and decided to land in a field. The machine had almost made a perfect landing when a gust of wind caught it and it crashed in pieces. — Reuters.

The fate of the Arabs who fled from Israel held territory during the Palestine war has been the subject of problems dogged during the conference during the past two months.

Israel's newly-appointed chief delegate, Ruven Shiloah, told the Commission on July 29 that Israel was prepared to discuss large-scale repatriation of the refugees to Israel-held territory on condition that any repatriation to Israel would form part of an overall resettlement project for the refugees in Arab countries as well as in Israel and that any resettlement scheme which might be worked out would eventually form an integral part of a "general peace settlement" laying down the territorial framework for a future peace treaty.

The four Arab delegations considered the Jewish offer over the mission that they were prepared to accept the Israeli conditions without reservation.

A Commission spokesman described the Arab acceptance as "the first definite practical step forward since the conference opened on April 26 and a definitely hopeful sign."

Final Peace Near

Israel's readiness to discuss the repatriation of a substantial number of refugees, which would be the ball rolling towards final peace in the Middle East, the spokesman said.

There is no question of a final peace treaty being signed at the Lausanne conference, the spokesman declared. A full peace treaty must deal with cultural, economic and other matters which the delegates here are not prepared to discuss.

Nevertheless, today's development may help the conference to achieve the elimination of the principal problem delaying a settlement.

Today's meeting took place for the first time under the chairmanship of the new United States member of the Commission, Mr. Phil A. Porter, who will hold the rotating chairmanship of the three-member Commission throughout August.

During the brief meeting this morning the Arab delegations urged Mr. Porter to explain the meaning of the term "general peace settlement" in the Jewish proposal.

According to the Commission spokesman, Mr. Porter said that in this respect the Jewish and Arab aims at the conference were identical in that both wished to establish an atmosphere of stability in the Middle East.

The Commission is due to meet the Israeli delegation this afternoon to obtain the first concise details of Israel's repatriation project.

So far the Israeli delegation has not told the Commission specifically what number of Arab refugees Israel might be prepared to repatriate. It has been reported.

PRESSURE PLACED ON ISRAEL BY WASHINGTON

Tel-Aviv, August 2.

The Israeli Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister told Parliament here tonight that they had been under United States pressure about the return of Arab refugees.

They were speaking in a debate, punctuated by heated interruptions from extremist members, on Israel's latest offer at Lausanne, Switzerland, to discuss immediately the return of the refugees to Israel.

Explosion Remains A Mystery

Los Angeles, August 2.

A mysterious explosion occurred today near the home of mobster Mickey Cohen who was wounded in an ambush shooting on July 20, and the dapper gangster met investigating officers with a gun in his hand.

The neighbours, awakened by the loud rumbling noise, summoned the police who could find nothing at Cohen's place but reported an odour of powder in the air.

As officers went to the door of Cohen's radar-protected Brentwood home, they were met by Cohen who had a revolver in his hand. The fashion plate gambler said: "I heard something. I thought it was a dream or nightmare. My dog didn't bark and the radar didn't show any alarm."

Neighbours told officers that the sound appeared to come from the South end of Cohen's large yard. There was a possibility that the blast may have been set off by pranksters who sent officers to the neighbourhood several times since Cohen's wounds were fired at Cohen and his three companions in a pre-dawn shooting on July 20. — United Press.

World Assembly Of Youth

Brussels, August 3.

One hundred and sixty delegates from 35 countries met here today to study common problems facing the youth of the world.

They were the delegates to the first meeting of the Permanent Council of the World Assembly of Youth (known as "WAY"), which is designed to unite the national youth councils of all the countries of the world.

They met today in a private session to ratify WAY's Charter. The delegates represented nearly all the United Nations and their overseas territories, except the Russian bloc.

Delegates from the Western Zones of Germany sat in as observers. Israel was represented by an observer.

WAY was established by the national youth councils of Britain, the United States, France, Denmark and Holland. The Charter for the organization was drawn up in Paris about three months ago. — Reuters.

WINSTON BUSY WITH BRUSH

Milano, August 2.

Winston Churchill took his canvas and brushes to Sirmione today to work on a new painting. Sirmione is a graceful slender finger of land extending into Lake Garda. The holidaying ex-Premier was accompanied by his wife and some members of his party. Mr. Churchill spends several hours each morning with his secretary, but there has been no confirmation of reports that he is working on his war memoirs. — Associated Press.

Venice, August 2.

Czechoslovakia has followed Russia's example in withdrawing from the international film exhibition opening here next week because the Venice film exhibition quantity is considered more important than quality. — Reuters.

Deauville Jewellers Victimised

Deauville, August 2.

Four masked men armed with sub-machineguns held up Van Cleef and Arpel's jewellery store at Deauville today and escaped in a waiting car.

Newspaper estimates value the 32 pieces of jewellery stolen at 50,000,000 to 100,000,000 Francs.

At Aix-en-Provence, messengers of the Bank of France lost 25,000,000 Francs in another armed attack. — Associated Press.

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TROOPS AND RAAF DIGGING COAL IN AUSSIE MINES

GENOCIDE TREATY SIGNING

Washington, August 2. Rafael Lemkin, one of the framers of the United Nations anti-genocide convention, today expressed disappointment that the Philippines has failed so far to ratify the international agreement outlawing the practice of nation or race extermination.

Mr. Lemkin, Yale University professor, said in a statement sent to the Philippine Embassy that this delay is doubly disappointing in the case of the Island Republic, because the Philippines worked very hard for the adoption of the convention by the United Nations.

The Philippines was the first country in the world to introduce the draft of genocide agreement in its congress as early as 1945 and was among the first 26 nations to sign the document.

Mr. Lemkin suggested that the Philippines interest in anti-genocide is great because the Philippines suffered severely from the Japanese attempt at genocide during the occupation.

Mr. Lemkin did not explain the basis for this contention.

He paid tribute to the anti-genocide work of the Philippine United Nations delegate, Carlos P. Romulo.

Mr. Lemkin plans a Latin American trip to work for the ratification of the genocide agreement by various governments there. United Press.

Expects Hirohito To Embrace Christianity

Washington, August 2. The Reverend Michio Kozaki, Moderator of the Church of Christ in Japan, believes it extremely likely that the imperial family will embrace Christianity, especially the Empress.

The Reverend Kozaki, who is pastor of the Reinzaka Church at Tokyo, arrived from London after attending sessions of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, of which he is the only Japanese member.

"The Imperial family is engaging in constant Bible studies," Mr. Kozaki said in an interview.

"The Imperial family and the Japanese people have come to realize that Christianity offers them spiritual strength for solving their personal problems which they cannot obtain elsewhere."

Mr. Kozaki said: "Before the war the Japanese considered it anti-Emperor and unpatriotic to become Christians, but now they realize this is not true. Instead, they know that Christianity is universal and that all people, regardless of nationality, may embrace it without reflecting on their loyalty for their respective country."

Mr. Kozaki, who is a graduate of Oberlin College in Ohio, U.S.A., is completing his second trip abroad since the end of the war.

In the meantime, he is visiting Japanese communities in the

Sydney, August 2. More than 1,000 Australian soldiers and airmen are today mining coal in strike-bound New South Wales strip-mines.

The first train-loads of coal produced in "Operation Excavation," which went into full swing at seven mines at midnight, are on their way to Sydney.

They will go to essential services and industries paralyzed by the nation-wide miners' strike now in its sixth week.

Army planners hope to produce 25,000 tons by the week-end and 100,000 tons a week after that.

This compares with a normal weekly production of 243,000 tons for all mines in the State.

The Federal and New South Wales Labor Governments have used troops in the mines despite warnings from the central Executive Council of the Miners' Federation that the Government must take responsibility for any consequences.

In a resolution adopted last week-end, the Executive Council urged the use of troops as a gross misuse of military forces and a violation of Australian Labor Party principles.

The Immigration Minister, Mr. Arthur A. Calwell, answered the Executive's criticism at a rowdy Sydney meeting on Sunday, alleging that the "red winter strike, which has thrown 50,000 workers idle, was Communist led and anti-Australian."

End This Week?

"This is a fight between the labour movement and the Labour Government on the one hand and Communist saboteurs on the other. It is a fight

which the Government must win," he had said.

The Mining Unions' Commonwealth Council has rejected plans to take a "back-to-work" vote at miners' mine meetings.

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They forecast the end of the strike this week with most of the miners back at work on Monday.

Sixty representatives of miners' lodges in Northern New South Wales have called a meeting for tomorrow, which members of the Miners' Federation Executive have decided to attend.

Miners' Meeting

Some observers say that the meeting will round the death-knell of the strike.

Student miners in other areas are holding a special meeting to decide their future action.

Several policemen were injured today in clashes with waterfront workers demonstrating in Sydney against the imprisonment of two of their leaders.

Three, two, with four other union leaders, are serving prison sentences for refusing to disclose what they did with union funds which the Government alleged they withdrew to aid the strike miners.

Police reinforcements went to the scene and 15 men and one woman were charged with offences relating to the disturbances.—Reuter.

TUNNEL UNDER MONT BLANC

Paris, August 2. The French Cabinet today approved French participation in the construction of an eight-mile road tunnel under Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe, to link France and Italy.

The project was first mooted in 1900, but was abandoned. In 1935, it was again abandoned because of the Italian-Abyssinian war. The project will link Chamoni, France, with Courmayeur, Italy.—Reuter.

Tehran, August 2. A Government source said today that Iran had asked the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company to prepare for negotiations for a new oil agreement, in view of the Majlis' failure to ratify the last one before the assembly adjourned.—United Press.

World Bank Loan To India Certain

London, August 2. A preliminary announcement regarding a development loan for India from the World Bank may be made in the course of this week, it was learnt today from a usually reliable source.

The source said that India had asked for loans to finance a number of special development schemes for which American purchases are necessary.

The World Bank sent a mission to India earlier this year to study the projects proposed by India and a report has been submitted to the Bank.

The report examined the economic structure of the Dominion from the point of view of both internal and external financial resources.

The report emphasised the essential soundness of India's financial position.

On the strength of the report, the Bank has decided to advance loans on some of the schemes for which India has asked for help.

Loans in regard to other schemes will be decided on later after detailed examination of each of those schemes.

An announcement about the progress of the loan negotiations so far may be made on Thursday or Friday from Washington.

Mr. Keith Roy, who has been carrying on the negotiations in Washington, had to interrupt them to go to London for the Sterling talks. Mr. Keith Roy is leaving for Washington today.

The source emphasised that the negotiations were very smooth and cordial and that the World Bank was very helpful at all stages of the talks with the Indian negotiators.—Reuter.

New Air Lines To Hong Kong

London, August 2. New air services linking Canada and Britain with Hong Kong are to be established under an agreement between Britain and Canada which was initiated here today.

Mr. Lionel Chevrier, Canadian Minister of Transport, initiated on behalf of Canada, and Mr. G. S. Lindgren, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Aviation, on behalf of Britain.

The agreement, which is to be signed in Ottawa soon, replaces the existing agreements and will permit the operation of several new services by Canadian and British airlines.—Reuter.

Anonymous Buyer Of Viking Ship

London, August 2. The Viking ship Hugin, in which the 20th Century Danish "invaders" roamed to England, has been sold to an anonymous buyer, Mr. F. P. Salt, Controller of the Kent coast town of Broadstairs, said today.

He said that the Hugin will probably go to the United States for exhibition and then return to the Kent coast permanently.

Mr. Salt said he had intended to buy the vessel for the town, which first received the "invaders," but the other party whose name he cannot mention had bought it instead.

It was said with a proviso that the ship should have a museum in the town.

Meanwhile, the 20th Century Viking themselves were being received in London. Gullhust, home of the City Corporation, and outside outside hand, echoes of the Danish "Song of Kings".—Reuter.

Mrs. Tait Is Angry

Toronto, August 2. The "Toronto Star" today quoted Mrs. Richard Morrow-Tait, the Cambridge "flying housewife," as saying that she is angry with Canada mainly because the Transport Department told her to "go on home and look after my baby."

Mrs. Morrow-Tait, who has been trying to fly a plane around the world, is in Bangor, Maine, seeking an escort by the United States Air Force as far as Greenland or her way back to Britain.

"The Star" interviewed her by telephone. "The Canadian Government have refused to let me fly over their territory any longer," it quoted her as saying.

"Department of Transport officials told me to go on home and look after my baby. They said it cost too much to start a search for me when I got lost."—Associated Press.

TITO EXPELS SOVIET CITIZEN

Belgrade, August 3. Marshal Tito's Yugoslav government today announced the arrest and expulsion of a Soviet citizen. It is the first known instance of a Russian being thrown out of Yugoslavia.

The action underlined the new "get tough" policy Yugoslavia apparently is set to follow toward its one-time "big brother."—United Press.

ALLEGED LETTER FROM U.S. ENVOY ON PERON MENACE

Buenos Aires, August 2. A photostatic copy of a letter alleged to have been written by Mr. Spruille Braden, former United States Ambassador to Argentina, in which President Peron is referred to as "a menace," was published in a front-page spread today by the Government newspaper, "Democracia."

The letter, dated January 10, 1946, was written on State Department notepaper and addressed to Senator Roberto Lezama, leader of the Union's Democratic Coalition of Parties, which unsuccessfully opposed President Peron's election.

"Democracia" also published photostats of a letter and a memorandum alleged to have been sent by Mr. Braden to Senator Lezama.

These, the newspaper asserted, proved that the letter originated the idea of the anti-Peron Blue Book issued by the State Department early in 1946.

The letter accredited to Mr. Braden said: "I agree entirely with the excellent analysis contained in your letter and the five points made in the memorandum."

"Neither the regional inter-American system nor the United Nations Organization is able to meet and check promptly the menace to peace and security represented by the Peron regime. I fear widespread disillusionment with respect to our capacity to deal with the kind of menace which brought on World War II."

"Too Many Letters"

Saying that "Argentina will never pardon this treason," "Democracia" said that it secured the letters in Washington, and added: "There are many letters like these in the United States—too many."

A good number of them are now in our possession, and from today the people will begin to know of this plan to deliver the country."

Democracia's action has been promoted by President Peron's statement last week that "the Union Democrática was formed, directed and financed by Mr. Braden," and Mr. Braden's reply from Hamilton, New York, that these accusations were "completely absurd."—Reuter.

U.K. Plan For Price Control

Anne, August 2. Britain's proposed to introduce new international emergency measures to control primary commodities today emerged conclusively from a Working Party of the Ancey tariffs and trade conference.

Price fluctuations in some commodities, particularly rubber, have hit Britain's dollar-earning drive.

The proposal will be referred to the 23 signatories of the 1947 Geneva Agreement on tariffs and trade as a result of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Trade Organisation.

The United States representative opposed the British proposal, saying that the International Wheat Agreement has shown that action will be taken for specific commodities.—Reuter.

Kung On Aid To China

New York, August 2. Dr. H. H. Kung, brother-in-law of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and former Finance Minister of Nationalist China, alleged today that more military aid would have been sent to the Chinese Government were it not for the Communist propaganda in the United States.

Dr. Kung told a press conference that he blamed the United States for the present Chinese economic and military crisis, claiming that the United States has been engulfed in a wave of Communist propaganda the effect of which was insufficient aid sent to the Nationalists.

Dr. Kung added that Southern China can be saved from the Communists if the United States immediately issues a declaration of moral support for the Generalissimo and follows up with a grant of 500,000,000 ounces of silver to stabilize the Chinese currency on a silver basis.

Meanwhile the "New York Times" editorial today said: "The pattern of Soviet policy in the Far East is again emerging with the announcement that the Soviet Union has concluded a trade pact with the Manchurian People's Democratic authorities."

The editorial said Manchuria is the key to Russian policy and without proper regard for its importance many Soviet actions would seem meaningless.

Concerning the trade pact, "The Times" said: "The very mention of 'Manchurian people's democratic' authorities, rather than of the Chinese Communist Party already suggests a plan of alienation. It worked in Outer Mongolia. It can be tried in Manchuria."

The editorial added in Manchuria it is not a question of conflicting ideology, but a question of the old-fashioned imperialist method of grab, and the objectives of Russia have not changed materially in half a century.—United Press.

ANGLO-U.S. WAR GAMES

Campbelltown, August 2. The United States submarine Cochino, with three frigates and two destroyers of the Royal Navy, arrived here today for anti-submarine exercises.

The Cochino, which is commanded by Lieutenant Commander R. C. Bentz, came with the five British ships from Londonderry, Northern Ireland. She is one of four American submarines based on Londonderry which will go to Portsmouth after the exercises in Scottish waters. The other three are the Corsair, Task and Toro.—Reuter.



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London Race Riots Sequel

London, August 3. Two coloured men and a white man were sentenced to a month's imprisonment and two other coloured men and five white men were fined today for offences against the police during a race disturbance in South East London on July 18.

Two other coloured men were committed for trial, one for allegedly assaulting and unlawfully wounding a police sergeant, and the other for assaulting a policeman.

The Prosecution charged that the second man threw red hot coals at the officer during the disturbance, in which the coloured men were besieged in a hostel where they live.

The Prosecutor said that a hostile crowd of about 800 was outside the hostel.

The prison terms and fines were imposed for assault, obstruction and using insulting words and behaviour.—Reuter.

New York, August 2. The Philippine Secretary of Labour, Mr. Primitivo Lovina, has entered Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, according to a reliable source, who declared that it is believed Mr. Lovina is suffering from stomach ulcers.—United Press.

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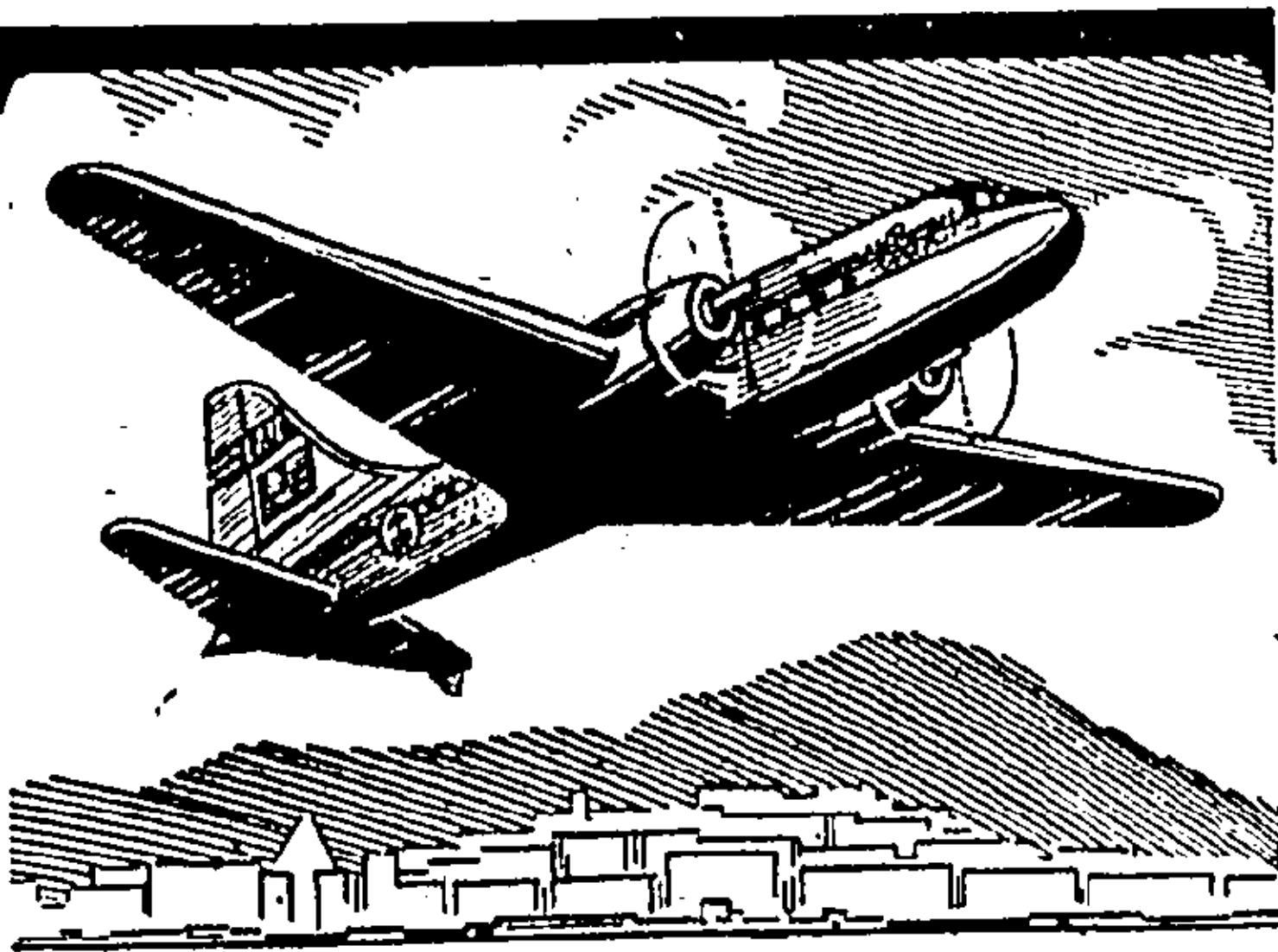
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 enterprise was blazoned on
 the front page of probably
 every daily newspaper in the
 free world, and captured the
 imagination of millions still
 free from the totalitarian
 scourge.

The weather, however, was
 at its worse: dark and dank,
 with lowering skies and
 streaming rain. But atmos-
 pheric conditions were quite
 unable to dampen the
 bubbling enthusiasm of the
 welcoming crowds at the
 dockyard, or the thousands
 who sheltered from the ele-
 ments along the praya, to
 catch a glimpse through the
 mists of the craft whose
 name will go down in his-
 tory in the company of
 others of her calibre, from
 Victory to Hood and Re-
 nown.

Small children were hoist-
 ed shoulder high by their
 parents to see Amethyst,
 and they will probably tell
 their children in years to
 come that they actually saw
 her on that most notable day.
 The ship herself shows ob-
 vious signs of the trials she
 has been through, but skill-
 ed repair work should soon
 have her fighting fit once
 again.

We cannot but con-
 gratulate all the authorities
 concerned for the seemly
 tribute they paid to the
 officers and crew. Hong
 Kong may be blasé about
 the arrival of warships, but
 this time there was the an-
 tithesis of apathy. The vari-
 ous organisations who have
 so readily come forward
 with suggestions for enter-
 taining the ship's company,
 and the residents who are
 affording them hospitality
 also deserve credit. Let us
 not forget the Sports Club
 and private firms who ar-
 ranged for that truly mag-
 nificent, continuous roar of
 firecrackers, whose heavy
 smoke hung in the heavy air
 for long afterwards.

It is unpleasant on such a
 day to have to comment on
 a vicious attempt to besmirch
 Amethyst's epic dash. The
 Chinese Communists—
 promptly for once—issued a
 despicable canard that the
 sloop had fired on and sunk
 a passenger boat, the Kiang-
 ling, and shot at the sur-
 vivors. This is palpably un-
 true, as Amethyst's guns
 could not possibly have been
 trained at such an angle as
 to hit a target only a quar-
 ter of a mile distant, and in
 any case no one who knows
 the Royal Navy could credit
 the accusation for one mo-
 ment. As Lieutenant Com-
 mander Kerans pointed out,
 it is quite possible that in
 the darkness, at high speed,
 he might have rammed a
 smaller vessel, but certainly
 not intentionally.

Whether the Communist
 report is credited by the
 docile slaves of totalitarian
 countries, we cannot say, but
 Amethyst's men can be sure
 it will be utterly rejected by
 democratic peoples all over
 the world. Nothing can dim
 the glory of the Yangtze epic.
 Let everyone concerned have
 no doubts about that.

Germany's New Constitution

By A Special Correspondent

The new constitution of
 West Germany will soon be
 brought into operation. Peace
 in the next generation may
 well depend on how this con-
 stitution works.

Germany is at present power-
 less. But the Conservative
 leaders were right when they said
 in the recent debate in the House
 of Commons that Germany still
 cannot be written off as a poten-
 tial future aggressor. Ger-
 many's home politics are stormy
 there will be repercussions in all
 West Europe.

The prospects for the new con-
 stitution are not too bright. In
 European history there have been
 constitutions which were drawn
 up in such adverse circum-
 stances that they were expected to fail,
 but which nevertheless unex-
 pectedly survived. Nobody expected
 the French constitution of 1871 to
 be more than a stop-gap measure,
 but it lasted until 1940. The new
 West German constitution may
 surprise the world by its effective-
 ness. Yet the first governments
 elected under it will face terrible
 problems.

The problems are partly econ-
 omic, partly social, partly psycho-
 logical. The economic position of
 West Germany has all the adverse
 features of that of Great Britain
 today, but in a much more in-
 tense form. West Germany is an industrial
 area which has to import a high
 percentage of its food and raw
 materials. To obtain these it
 must keep up a very high level
 of exports. Before the war, one
 of Germany's best markets was
 South East Europe. Today,
 West Germany has lost this mar-
 ket, and some Germans are hop-
 ing to develop a market in South
 East Asia to take its place.

West German industry has re-
 vived remarkably since the cur-
 rency reform in the middle of
 1948, but the recovery is patchy.
 Unemployment in the British and
 American zones now stands at
 1,200,000, and has been rising at
 a season when it should be falling.

Bitter Division

There is a bitter division be-
 tween the political parties over
 the remedies for unemployment.
 The Social Democrats want a
 policy of controls. The Christian
 Democrats, who are in charge at
 the Economic Council at Frank-
 furt—which has been acting as an
 interim West German government
 in economic matters—favor giv-
 ing free enterprise its head.

If unemployment grows worse,
 the new West German state will
 start under the worst possible
 handicap. It was much unemploy-
 ment between 1929 and 1933
 which opened the way to Hitler.
 The second set of problems fac-
 ing the West German government
 is social. They nearly all arise
 from the influx of refugees into
 West Germany. The problem of
 German refugees is now the big-
 gest refugee problem in the world.

WHOSE CRISIS?

By GEORGE SCHWARTZ

You may have heard of the
 lady who surveyed the Pyramids
 disapprovingly and then pro-
 nounced severely: "The shape is
 very un-English."

Well, the experts of the Left
 have sniffed the crisis and de-
 cided that in origin, form and
 substance it is totally un-Eng-
 lish.

It was wrong therefore, in
 saying that the crisis has been
 postponed. It has been, or is to
 be, deported. It should never
 have put in an appearance there
 has been some laxity on the part
 of the immigration officials. It
 can now go back to its country
 of origin or to a displaced per-
 sons' camp, but it can't stay
 here.

In shifting the responsibility to
 foreigners there is no need to
 chatter like an angry monkey
 about their shortcomings, as does,
 for example, Mr. R. Crossman,
 M.P. Rather let us adopt the
 deterministic philosophy of Mr.
 Canning. "Some people may be
 Froshans and others may be
 Rooshans; they are born so and
 will please themselves. Them
 which is of other natures thinks
 different."

Precisely. Some people may
 be Americans and others may
 be Belgians; they have their
 crises and will please themselves.
 Them which is of other natures
 behaves different. There is no
 depression in this house. We are
 not even amused.

They Started It

"Don't let it be supposed that
 the difficulty in which Britain
 finds herself is peculiar to her.
 We didn't start the reductions." Who
 said that? Mr. Herbert Morrison
 in July, 1947. Just two
 years ago in similar circum-
 stances. We didn't start it. That
 was our retort then, and that is
 our retort now.

On that former occasion Mr.
 Morrison posed the question,
 "Are these import cuts leading
 to others still worse, or will they
 really see us through?" and he
 gave the tart reply, "It does not
 rest with us to answer that."
 After two years, during which
 foreigners seem to have learned
 nothing, we can only utter the
 same rebuke.

A gap has opened in our bal-
 ance of payments. This means
 that other countries are either
 sending us too many imports or
 are not taking enough of our
 exports. Some people shrug and
 say, "People abroad require a
 sharp lesson in economic man-
 ners, and they will get it. No-

in the first years after the war,
 the refugees who figured in dis-
 cussions of the refugee problem
 were "displaced persons." Their
 problem has now been partly
 solved, and the German refugees
 now hold the centre of the stage.
 Their number is terrifyingly
 large. The British and Ameri-
 can zones there are about
 9,000,000. They are one in five of
 the total population.

In the province of Schleswig-
 Holstein there are nearly as many
 refugees as indigenous people.
 The refugees come partly from
 the countries of South East
 Europe, which expelled their Ger-
 man minorities, partly from the
 Eastern territories of Germany

which were annexed by Poland
 and Czechoslovakia, and partly
 from the Russian zone of Ger-
 many.

The expulsions of the German
 population by the Polish and other
 governments were agreed to in
 principle by the Allies at the
 Potsdam conference. But the
 expulsions took place on a scale
 and with a brutality which was
 unforeseen. Expellees were
 thrown out as paupers. They
 could bring hardly any of their
 property with them.

Squalid Camps

West Germany, with its towns
 and industry devastated and its
 administration disorganised, was

The American And British Theatres

By HAROLD HOBSON

The American drama is more
 highly organised, more heavily
 financed, more experimental,
 more opulently produced, and
 better housed than our own. It
 is also more parochial in at-
 titude, less well acted, and
 inferior in aesthetic integrity.

It has drive and efficiency, but
 its efficiency is sometimes con-
 fined to inessential, and on
 occasion it drives in the wrong
 direction.

I suppose that some of our
 playhouses, like Covent Garden
 and Drury Lane, are among the
 most splendid in the world. But
 too many London theatres are
 shabby, dirty, and dishevelled.
 So far as I have been able to
 observe, American theatres in
 general are tastefully decorated,
 most of them are air-conditioned
 and so are cool on the hottest
 days, and the seats are intelli-
 gently enough raked for every-
 body, even in the boxes, to be able
 to see what is happening on the
 stage.

What is happening on the stage
 is usually worth looking at, even
 if it isn't always worth listening
 to. The scene designers and
 directors of American plays seem
 extremely well endowed, both by
 nature and by their backers. Just
 before I left England a play was
 put on in London at a production
 cost of £6,000. The play was
 a straight entertainment in the
 West End.

In New York this would just
 about pay for the company's
 chewing gum. "Death of a
 Salesman," for example, which
 has a single set, cost £25,000 to

High Wages

Such high figures are due partly
 to excessive wages and materi-
 als costs, but they also repre-
 sent the American feeling that,
 if a thing is worth doing, it is
 worth doing like a millionaire.
 The set of "Death of a Salesman"
 at the Morosco, for example, is
 one of the finest I have seen any-
 where; and the method by which,
 at the touch of a lever, the im-
 mense, crushing cloud of fumes
 which overlooks the hero's
 wretched little home is turned by
 lighting, into a garden with wav-
 ing green trees, is one that our
 own producers might study with
 advantage.

Years ago Mr. J. B. Priestley
 tried the non-realistic technique
 of "Johnson Overboard," "Mus-
 ic at Night," and in other
 plays. In the main, however,
 London sticks to the conven-
 tional Isenhardt school of construc-
 tion, and the shifting, merging
 scenes of "A Glass Menagerie"
 were one of the factors in its
 failure over here.

But America takes symbolism
 in its stride; and its two leading
 new playwrights, Tennessee
 Williams and Arthur Miller,
 practise this method with com-
 bined artistic and financial suc-
 cess.

The New York managers are
 proud of both these young men.
 They are the only strikingly origi-
 nal playwrights talents that the
 English-speaking theatre has pro-
 duced since the end of the war.

That they have already achieved
 much is generally acknowledged.
 Whether they will achieve more
 is perhaps a debatable, certainly
 it is a debated, proposition. Both
 have a fixed idea—Miller that the
 capitalist system is rotting,
 Williams that the heroine of a
 play ought to be a frustrated
 woman. The question seems to be
 whether they can get beyond these
 notions to some wider manifesta-
 tion of their great talents.

New York Acting

The most praised acting in New
 York comes from players well
 known on the London stage.
 Marilla Hunt's mad-woman of
 Chailot in the play of that name,
 Rex Harrison's Henry VIII in
 "Anne of the Thousand Days,"
 and Joyce Redman's Anne Bolyn
 have received great critical and
 popular acclaim.

They are all admirable per-
 formances, but I do not think that
 in London we should notice any
 special merit in them. I have
 never heard in a theatre so pro-
 longed an outburst of applause
 for the end of a scene as rewarded
 Miss Hunt's opening sequence at
 the Belasco Theatre; yet Miss
 Hunt's madwoman of Chailot,
 excellent as it is, would, in
 poetry, fire, and insight, cease to
 exist by the side of Dame Edith
 Evans's madwoman of Chailot.

I saw no American actor of
 outstanding talent in the serious
 drama, though in musical comedy
 Ray Bolger ("Where's Charley?")
 is a brilliant dancer, and Alfred
 Drake, in "Kiss Me, Kate," has a
 fine voice both for singing and
 acting, and an excellent presence.

The women, I think, are better
 than the men. Miss Uta Hagen,
 as the fantasy-ridden heroine of
 "A Streetcar," finds a touching
 beauty in the extreme degrada-
 tion, and Miss Mildred Dunnock,
 like Miss Ashcroft, has in "Death
 of a Salesman" a voice no tears
 could resist. An odd feature of
 American players, by the way, is
 that they play every character,
 whether he comes from Philadel-
 phia or Paris, as straightforwardly
 as American. This greatly sim-
 plifies their problem.

Great theatre cannot arise ex-
 cept against the background of an
 accepted philosophy. Otherwise
 tragedy has no force, comedy r-
 bite. The contemporary Ameri-
 can drama has no such philosophy.
 Its best writers either, like Miller,
 savagely lament this, or, like
 Williams, weep over it. Too
 many others simply rejoice at it.

From some scenes of "South
 Pacific," from some even of the
 admirable "Mister Roberts," one
 would imagine that the primary
 virtue did not exist. Self-
 control, loyalty, discipline are
 things to be sneered at. This is
 not the way to make great
 drama.

in no position to absorb this mass
 of immigrants. They have been
 housed mostly in country districts,
 in squalid camps or overcrowded
 billets. They arrived in West
 Germany feeling themselves sur-
 vived, and have developed a fuming
 resentment at the way in which
 they are treated by the local
 people.

They see virtually no hope
 under present conditions of
 achieving a tolerable life. Thus
 they are ideal material for agi-
 tators who promise them salvation
 by revolution. At present they
 favour right-wing extremism,
 since it is Russia which is respon-
 sible for their being refugees.
 But if Russia made it possible for
 them to return to East Germany
 or made Poland return the annex-
 ed territories, they might easily
 become communists.

The third set of problems is
 psychological. Everybody who
 has been in Germany since the
 end of the war comments on the
 "nihilism" of the German people,
 especially of the younger genera-
 tion. There is a general listless-
 ness and cynicism. This is the
 reaction to defeat and the crash
 of former ideals and ambitions.

The result is that there is no
 emotional support for the new
 constitution. There is on the con-
 trary a widespread emotional
 antipathy to it (though this is
 not universal in West Germany).
 The trouble is that the new West
 German constitution is too much
 like the old constitution of the
 Weimar Republic.

Many Germans feel that the
 system of parliamentary democ-
 racy was tried out in the years
 between Germany's first defeat
 and the triumph of Hitler, and
 that it did not survive the test.
 They look on the new state as the
 ghost of the discredited Weimar
 Republic.

With these three sets of prob-
 lems facing them, the German
 leaders will need to be men of
 genius if they are to safeguard
 the new state. They will need
 the skill of a Bismarck combined
 with righteousness of purpose.
 Too often in German history the
 great men have been bad men.
 They will be under perpetual
 threat from the Communists in
 East Germany, trying to turn
 against them the very strong
 forces of German nationalism.

They can survive only if they find
 a way of harnessing to their sup-
 port the tremendous latest
 energies and idealism of Germany.

Though Hitler long has had it,
 and all his gang are gone...
 See, small embryo Bismarcks
 Go, still goosestepping on.

Gauleiters of Tomorrow
 —And they are far from few—
 Are marching to the music
 Their martial fathers knew.

With "Hymn of Hate" and
 "Deutschland"
 They mock their Yankee
 yoke.

The world is still their oyster
 To tiny Herrenvolk!

With scorn they watch divided
 The strength that said them
 "No!"

White foolish Allies squabble
 THEY dream about "THE
 DAY!"

"THE DAY" of that last on-
 slaught
 That gets them Living Space—
 When all the World at last
 shall bow
 Before the MASTER RACE!

Finding her guests sitting
 huddled too near the fireplace one
 night, Mrs. Stewart of the Braes
 piled it high with logs and peat,
 saying, "I'll pit on a fire that'll
 gaye ye sit out over."

The Deeper The Fawer
 "Then let us always defend in
 depth, when we encounter
 superior forces—for the deeper
 we defend the fewer of our
 men shall we encounter, and
 thus the fewer shall be our
 losses." Further, if we pursue
 this line of thought to its logical
 conclusion and make our de-
 fences sufficiently deep, then we
 shall have no losses at all,
 thus we shall ourselves preserve
 face and avoid having the foe
 claim from us any victory...
 —Wun Bung-lung, Ancient Chi-
 nese Strategist.

According to a writer, some-
 thing will have to be done about
 typists who leave their jobs for
 more attractive work. They're
 naturally particular about how
 they're dictated to.

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Making Things "Bearable"
 The way is being smoothed for
 an annual nudists' conference in
 America. Special workers are
 sandpapering the splinters out of
 the stadium seats.

This Pacific Union is a queer
 endo' business...

The American Chiefs of Staff
 are now in Frankfurt. Sounds
 like just the town for a bit of
 boloney.

Something Accomplished
 Is nothing but a norm...
 But a brook that does not bab-
 ble
 We well could call "reform."

A letter from Italy tells of a
 group of British tourists visiting
 the leaning tower of Pisa. A
 respectable old lady, after a
 keen scrutiny, was heard to say,
 "If that had happened in Eng-
 land, they'd have spared no ef-
 fort to put it right."

Economic trends are indicated
 in many interesting ways—like,
 for instance, a cartoon in the
 New Yorker depicting the ex-
 tending of a clothing store. In the
 window is a sign that reads,
 "Customers Wanted."

Third Time Lucky
 (The authorities in the U.S.
 Zone of Germany have been
 seriously disturbed by the
 parades and behaviour of Ger-
 man youth organisations.)

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U.S. DEFENCE CHIEFS' ARRIVAL IN LONDON

Military Unification To Be Pressed TALKS WITH BRITAIN

London, August 2.

American defence chiefs arrived in London tonight seeking sure, swift proof of the Atlantic Pact Allies' military unity.

Flying in President Truman's plane, Independence, Admiral Louis Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations, General Omar N. Bradley, Army Chief of Staff, and General A. M. Gruenther, Chief of the Joint Staffs, arrived at Northolt airport for two day talks with British, Norwegian and Danish military leaders.

Responsible officials reported that the four-man American team wants pledges from the European members of the Atlantic Pact that they will accept quick, big-scale unification of strategic planning, command and function of their armed forces.

Failure to get such pledges may imperil President Truman's \$51,459,000,000 arms and programme for Europe, the U.S. pact partners will be told.

The officials who said these things are in close touch with high American, British and French military planners. They said they could not be identified by name. They represent each of the big powers, however.

The American joint chiefs of staff are on the second leg of a swift 10-day trip across West Europe. They flew in from Frankfurt, where they conferred with local American military representatives, and with British and French military chiefs.

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Bit Worried

American administration leaders think that highly useful because they see the Brussels powers as forming the hard core of any programme for the joint defence of West Europe. Nevertheless, they are said to be a bit worried about the Brussels Allies' continuation of separate self-contained military organisations.

The U.S. view, favouring a more tightly knit unit is being quickly conveyed to these countries and to other Atlantic Pact signatories, the sources said.

A number of amendments to the Brussels powers' strategic plans and to their programmes of co-operation are at the same time being suggested, the informants said.

What these amendments are could not be established right away.

A representative of the Brussels Union organisation expressed the view to a reporter that the five countries should not be held guilty of dragging their feet in the march towards complete unification of their armed forces.

Distribution Equipment

"The process is a long one," he said. "It has had to await ratification of the Atlantic Pact so that it can easily be dovetailed into the bigger organisation. Now that the U.S. Congress has ratified the pact, things will begin to move much faster."

He cited the question of fleet standardisation.

The principle, he said, has been accepted.

But until the West European maritime powers know exactly what American plans for fleet development are, delays are inevitable.

Meanwhile, anticipating the passage of the arms aid programme through Congress, American diplomatic and military officials have been busy ahead preparing machinery for distributing the equipment if and when it comes.

A four or five man committee has been unofficially working on this for the past three months. It comprises the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas, the ECA chief in Europe, Mr. Averell Harriman, the chief military observer in Europe, General Clarence Huebner, and one or two other experts. They meet and operate casually, an official source explained.

Urgent Requests

Through them, the Brussels powers have sent Washington a list of their arms requirements classified into categories or priority. Their clearing house function aims at ensuring that the rearmament activities of the West European states will not clash with ERP and with each other.

The Committee has already

passed on several so-called urgent requests for equipment to Washington.

Five or six groups of American B-29s or Flying Fortresses, (about 150 to 180 aircraft) for Britain's R.A.F.

Light armour and field equipment for France and the Benelux countries, whose role in an emergency will be to provide the bulk of West Europe's land force, and radar equipment for Norway, Denmark and Italy.

U.S. Base in Britain

General Hoyt Vandenberg told newspapermen at Grafenwöhr, Bavaria, earlier today that the American Air Force will continue to occupy and use the air base at Burtonwood in England, despite the coming end of the airlift.

This station was handed over to the American Air Force in connection with the big organisation required for the Berlin airlift.

He added that all piston-engined fighter planes in Germany will be replaced by jet fighters in the near future, but the number of planes in the Command will not be increased.

General Omar Bradley said that he hopes the North Atlantic Pact will be a going military concern within one year of the Treaty's ratification by all member Powers.

Pointing out that all of the Western Union signatories are members of the North Atlantic alliance, the American General said that the possibility of the E-nation alliance superseding Western Union is "something we are talking about."

Portugal's Part

A usually reliable source in Washington said that the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff are expected to discuss the strategic situation in the Iberian peninsula

and the Portuguese Atlantic base when the Portuguese chief of the Air Force, General Centra, arrives in Paris for Atlantic pact defence talks.

It seems inevitable that the strategic situation of Spain will be touched on during these talks in view of the fact that Portugal considers that the strategic situation of the Iberian peninsula cannot be considered without Spain.

Furthermore, the Portuguese Premier, Dr. Salazar, during a recent debate in the Portuguese Parliament on the Atlantic pact ratification, said: "The geographic and strategic unity of the peninsula must necessarily be considered as a whole for the defence of the West and as a base on the European mainland."

The Joint Chiefs are expected to discuss with the Scandinavians the defence of Norway and Denmark in case of any threatened attack. It is expected that the Norwegian staff chiefs will insist that sufficient divisions be held immediately to Norway in the event of an attack.

It is expected that they will receive considerable support for this viewpoint from the British. This view may clash with that of the French who are expected to urge during the Paris talks that the Rhine must be the main centre of the Western European defence and consequently Britain should be prepared to give the bulk of its force for that purpose.—Associated Press, Reuter and United Press.

New York, August 2. United States Secret Service agents today arrested the alleged head of a counterfeit gang which had flooded the United States East Coast with forged \$10 and \$20 notes to a total of over a \$1,000,000.—Reuter.

Iraq Premier On Visit To London

London, August 2.

The Prime Minister of Iraq, Sayad Nuri al Said, arrived in London by air today from Basra. Neither the Iraqi Legation nor the Foreign Office will give details of his plans here.

It is understood, however, that Nuri Pasha has announced his intention of spending a fortnight quietly in London because his doctors had advised it. He will be staying at Claridge's Hotel.

Informed sources said Nuri Pasha also hopes to see the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, when Mr. Bevin returns from the Council of Europe later this month.

Among the questions which Nuri Pasha is expected to discuss with Mr. Bevin is the reopening of the pipeline from Iraq to Haifa which was closed during the Palestine fighting.

The Iraqi Government so far has refused to re-open the Haifa pipeline pending a general Palestine settlement, and the closure is said to be aggravating Iraq's economic difficulties.



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Army Pays Tribute To Amethyst

London, August 2.

The British Army has sent the Royal Navy warmest congratulations on the sloop "Amethyst's" magnificent feat, which has yet again proved to the world that the courage, endurance and seamanship of the Royal Navy are, as ever, equal to any challenge.

The tribute to Amethyst's 140-mile dash for freedom down the Yangtze River was sent in a letter from Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, to Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser, First Sea Lord, the Admiralty announced tonight.

Field-Marshal Slim said that the Army had been thrilled by the news of H.M.S. Amethyst's daring escape.

In his reply, Lord Fraser said: "We are all very proud of Amethyst's achievement and most deeply appreciate such a warm tribute from the Army."—Reuter.

URANIUM REPORT DENIAL

Washington, August 2.

A British Embassy spokesman today dismissed as not true a Brussels report that Britain has asked for one-fourth of Belgian Congo's annual production of atomic raw materials.

The Brussels report said that the five-year agreement under which the entire Congo uranium production goes exclusively to the United States expired yesterday.

The Embassy spokesman said that was false on two counts. The agreement did not expire on Tuesday and it does not call for exclusive United States acquisition of Belgian ores. He said the agreement is a three-way arrangement involving the United States, Belgium and the British and Canadians. He said that the contract expires around the first of next year.

He said: "Under the contract, Belgian uranium is divided half and half between the United States and Britain. We haven't, however, taken our full 50 per cent share except in one year—1948, he believes. That provided us with all we could use."

The British spokesman also disputed the report from Brussels that British interests own 49 per cent of the big mining union of Upper Katanga which exploits the rich Shinkolobwe uranium mine in the Congo. He said: "I know that the Belgian Government owns 55 per cent of the union."

He said he did not know just how much of the company is British-owned.—United Press.

ROCKEFELLER WINDING UP

Taipei, August 2.

According to usually reliable sources the Rockefeller Foundation is winding up its China chapter including that in Nationalist-held areas at the beginning of 1950.

It is said that even the five-year contract regarding malaria research, signed with the Taiwan Government in 1946, will be scrapped. This has caused criticism in Chinese circles, the sources add.—Reuter.

DUTCH ADVISED TO EVACUATE

The Hague, August 2.

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BRITISH SHARE OWNERSHIP OF URANIUM MINES

London, August 2.

The Foreign Office disclosed for the first time tonight that there is British share ownership of a Belgian Congo uranium mine.

A spokesman, commenting on a published report here that British interests in the Shinkolobwe mine amount to 49 per cent of the shares, said: "The British interest is considerably less than that figure."

He refused, however, to say what the exact figure is.

The spokesman told a news conference recently that the British do not share in the ownership of Belgian Congo uranium mines.

The African Territory produces uranium ore used in the manufacture of atomic bombs. Most of its output goes to the U.S.

Under a wartime agreement with Belgium, which expires this year, Britain and the U.S. agreed to buy the whole of the Congo's uranium output.

Britain, however, has permitted the U.S. to take up all or most of its share to develop the atomic bomb.

Britain recently told the U.S. it will take up its share of uranium in order to try to produce the bomb—unless the U.S. agrees to share its atomic energy secrets.

Supplies For Britain?

President Truman announced last week that exploratory talks on the whole question are soon to start between the U.S., Britain and Canada.

The published report said the British had asked Belgium for at least one-quarter of the Congo's uranium output.

But the spokesman denied this, too, saying no request for increased supplies has been made. He refused to say whether Britain gets any supplies of uranium at all from the Congo.—Associated Press.

JUNGLE JENNIE'S FEAT

New York, August 2.

Miss Genevieve Cuprys, Singapore agent for a New York importing firm, who is known to her colleagues as "Jungle Jennie," wrestled with a 32-foot python in the hold of the Dutch freighter Schiedijk (9,592 tons), it was revealed today when the vessel docked here.

Miss Cuprys was in charge of a £2,250 cargo, including leopards, cobras, cats, monkeys and mynah birds on the 36-day voyage from the Far East to New York.

One day a 175-pound python broke out of its cage and threatened to escape—from the ship's hold.

Miss Cuprys tried to coax the snake back to its cage, but the python began to coil itself around her body.

Two husky crewmen grabbed its tail and freed her.

Commenting today, Miss Cuprys said: "I was scared to death, but I realised that the safety of others depended on me. I would never do it again."—Reuter.

BURMA FIGHTING

Rangoon, August 3.

Burmese Government troops have recaptured Henzada, important rail junction on the Irrawaddy River 80 miles North West of Rangoon, tonight's official communique said.

In the Pyawon district, South of Henzada, naval gunboats are fighting insurgent positions, including heavy casualties, the communique added. It also reported minor clashes in the Upper Burma district of Shwebo, North of Mandalay.—Reuter.

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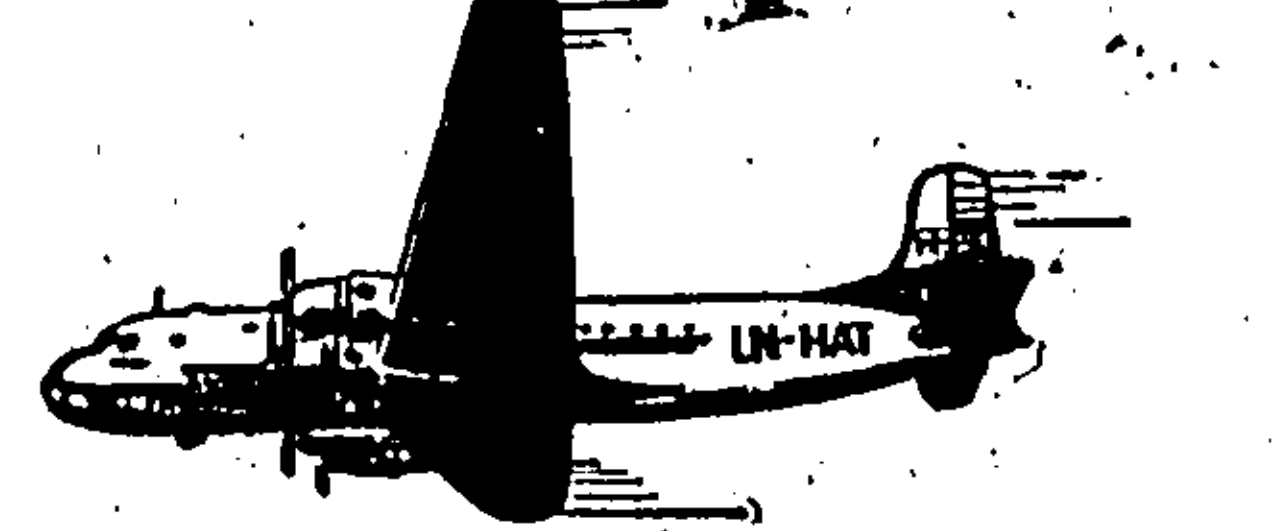
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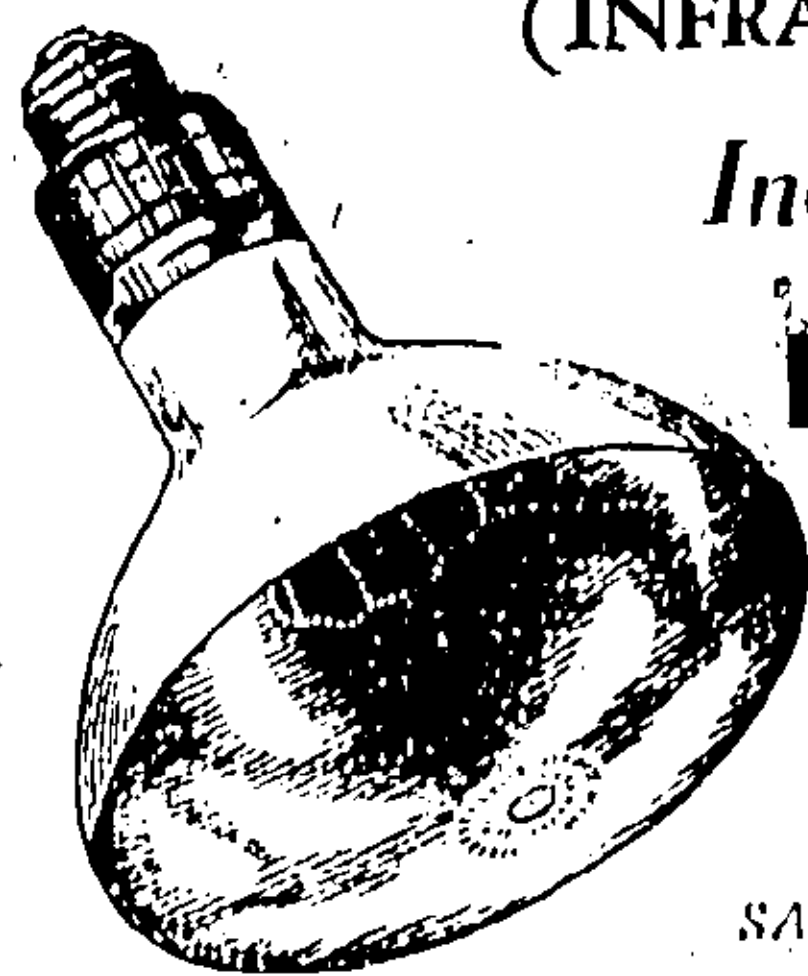
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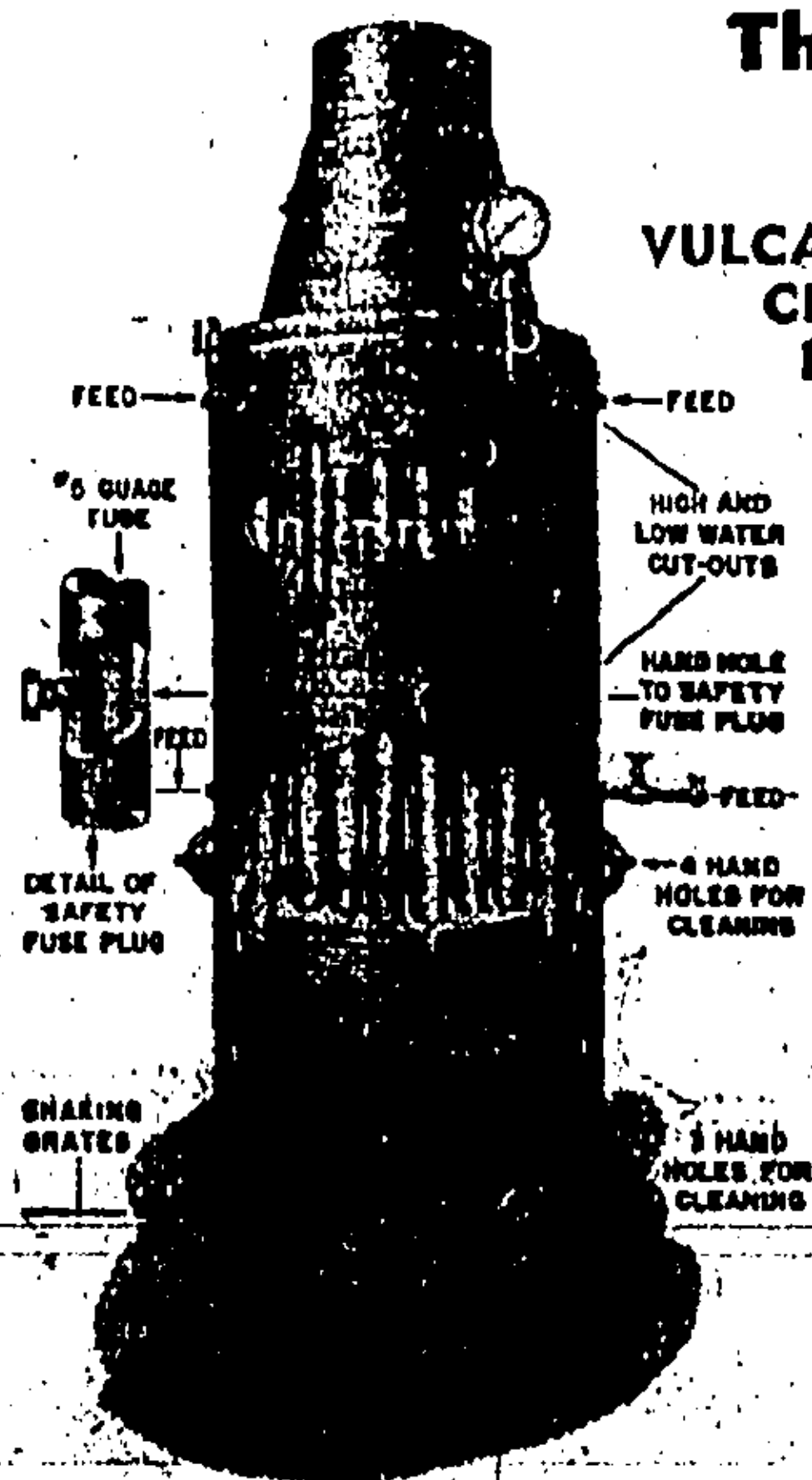
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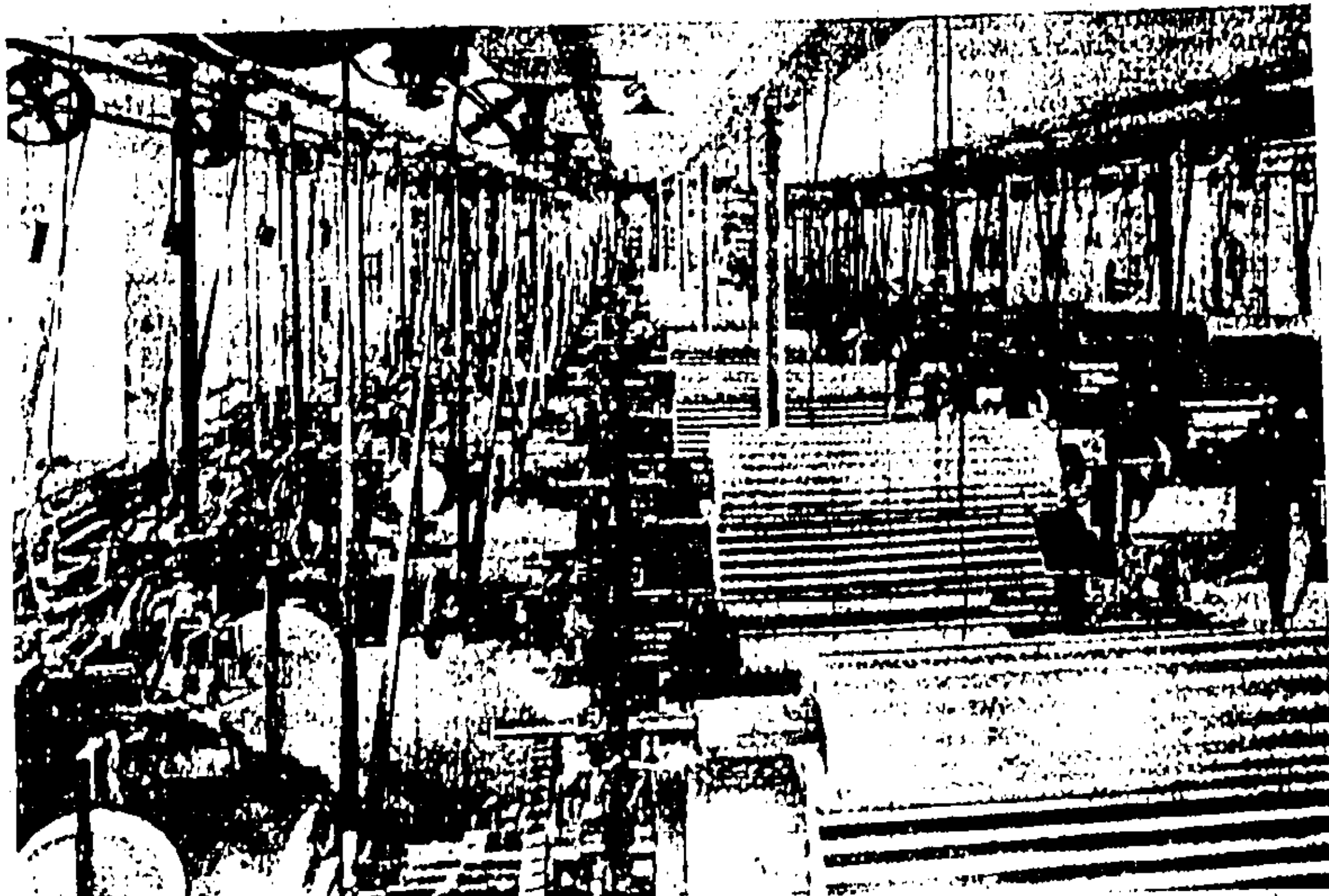
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CABLE TUNNEL UNDER THE RIVER THAMES

By MICHAEL GRANT

A new cable tunnel, 2,500 feet long and eight feet in internal diameter is nearing completion 76 feet below the ground, and with a minimum clearance of 16 feet below the bottom of the River Thames in London.

The building of the new cable tunnel was necessary because another similar tunnel, connecting the power station at Battersea with the North side of the Thames is filled to capacity. The new tunnel is lined with cast-iron segments, and when it is completed it will contain 1,900 tons of cast-iron lining.

For excavation purposes a special type of shield has been used, and at one point below the river, where a pocket of sand had to be traversed, the air pressure in the shield had to be increased from 10 to 20 pounds a square inch to prevent the penetration of water.

The tunnel was designed by the engineering staff of the British Electricity Authority, and the work has been carried out by Paterson and Dickinson, Limited, of Westmoreland-road, London.

Britain's exports of electric cables, which amounted to nearly 13,000 tons in 1948, are being sent abroad at roughly double the rate this year to more than 30 countries.

The Government of India recently placed an order with W.T. Henley's Telegraph Works Company, Limited, of Hatton Garden, London, E.C.1, England, for telephone cables totalling more than 220 miles, while the Turkish authorities have placed a similar order with the same firm for the supply of telephone cables for Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir.

Scottish Cables, of Renfrew, Scotland, recently secured a large order for the supply of equipment to Bermuda, and another order from the New South Wales Government in Australia.

Radio Engineers Develop New Link

Radio engineers in Britain have perfected a radio link for

carrying television programmes which may be of use for other telecommunication applications. It will be used to link Alexandra Palace in London, where television programmes are transmitted, with the new television transmitter near Birmingham.

Ultra-short waves, carrying television programmes, get "tired" at about 30 miles range, and they have to be lifted over hills. In fact, they only spread along unobstructed straight lines.

The engineers of the British Broadcasting Corporation have solved the problem without using cables. By establishing hop-skip-and-jump radio-link stations on an unobstructed horizon line between London and Birmingham, they have created a system which enables television programmes to be relayed for retransmission to any reasonable distance by the use of aerials erected at distances not exceeding 30 miles.

The aerial system between the Alexandra Palace in London and the new Birmingham relay transmitter comprises eight double poles which will be fed by both sound and vision transmitted through a combining unit. An integral part of each of the double poles is a system of channelling to carry rain away. To test the efficiency of the experimental poles, the aerial array has been operating while winter has been hosed over the whole structure for a long period. Thus it has been subjected to a downpour far in excess of anything it is likely to encounter after permanent erection. This test was made at the Chelmsford, Essex, England, works of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Limited, the makers of the system.

Meanwhile the shell of the new transmitter building at Sutton Coldfield near Birmingham, England, is nearing completion, and work is also progressing rapidly on the erection of the 715-foot mast which will carry the aerial array.

Explosions which take place when gas-fired ovens or furnaces are used often are due to delay in applying the light to the burner, or flame-failure after lighting up. A new photo-electric device, governed by the image of the flame itself, virtually eliminates the possibility of explosions due to flame failure.

The new control device developed by Radiolviser Parent

Limited, of 1, Stanhope Street, London, N.W.1, England, comprises two units: a photo-electric cell and an amplifier. Both are contained in a single airtight aluminium housing.

The apparatus should be mounted in any suitable position where a full view of the flame to light up the gas furnace is possible. The flow of gas is controlled by a push-button device which again is operated by an electro-magnetic switch. Should the button be depressed when the electro-magnetic switch is not in operation, nothing will happen.

If, however, the burner is lit, its light falls on the photo-electric cell of the apparatus, and actuates the electro-magnetic switch which admits the gas to the push button. If the push button is depressed while the electro-magnetic switch is in operation, the gas flows freely into the furnace.

Should the flame fall, the light directed on the receiver is immediately reduced or completely vanishes, thus altering the current generated by the photo-electric cell. This variation in current is employed to actuate an oscillatory equipment in various ways to suit the requirements of the user.

It can operate mechanism to stop the flow of gas by means of a magnetic valve or other type of control. At the same time, it sends a warning light which gives visual indication of any flame failure, or the equipment may be arranged to give an audible warning. It is also possible to arrange for both visual and audible alarm simultaneously.

Metal Coating By High Vacuum Plant

The development of high vacuum coating, by means of which a thin film of a readily evaporated metal is deposited on a selected base material, promises a revolution in many routine finishing processes both technically and economically.

The commercial vacuum coating plant developed by Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Company Limited, of Trafford Park, Manchester, England, and marketed under the trade name Metrovac Coating Plant is a neat and compact unit, consisting of two similar vacuum tanks arranged at either end of a common container. The equipment is self-contained with all auxiliaries located either on the tank or mounted on the frame work underneath the tank or stand. The vacuum pumping equipment is an oil

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Importance Of Card Clothing

Wherever the textile industry has gained a footing, Card Clothing is needed; for instance, in cotton, wool, waste and worsted spinning mills as well as in factories of wadding and for raising machines.

The main use of Card Clothing consists in preparing all kinds of textile raw materials, such as cotton, wool, staple fibre, waste silk, flax, hemp, jute etc., for the spinning process which follows.

For, before the latter can begin, the fibres of the textile must be opened from tufts into individual fibres, i.e. the fibres must be disentangled, stretched and laid parallel. In the same operating cycle, the Card Clothing are also required to remove thoroughly all impurities such as husks, broken seeds, short, dead fibres etc., still adhering to the raw materials.

The perfect quality of the so-called [fleece] is of the utmost importance to the quality of the finished yarn. In the manufacture of Card Clothing, the raw materials employed include: hardened and tempered round or sectoral steel wire and special cloths of high tensile strength.

By cunningly-devised setting machines the steel wire is inserted into the fabric, on a entirely automatic basis, in the form of two-legged teeth, the wires being given a particular inclination according to the purpose for which the Card Clothing are to be used.

A steadily increasing number of textile mills are calling for Card Clothing with [extra-hardened points] because these remain sharp much longer and therefore, being sharpened less frequently, are subject to a slower wear.

Three New Shell-Oil Projects

Three petroleum-chemical projects are being developed by the Shell Oil Group.

One is a new cracking plant which will come into production this year to make ethylene, propylene and butylene, which will be further converted into intermediate chemical materials.

The second Shell project is an expansion of the near-by refinery, including a plant to produce detergents.

A third plan is in hand at Shell Haven in the Thames Estuary, where agricultural chemicals are being expanded.

Another group, the first to reach the production stage in the new type of petroleum-chemical industry, is Petrochemicals Limited, an independent concern which started a modern oil refining and cracking plant at Manchester just before the war and has been rapidly expanding.

Its new plant, also near Manchester, will produce a wide range of chemicals and gases from petroleum by the catalytic process which was originated by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, now the President of Israel.

Contract Made

Part of the plant, which will cost £4,500,000 when completed, is already in production. A contract has been made to supply tall gas to Manchester city as an addition to its town gas.

Several manufacturing firms are setting up plants near this project in order to use the products in manufacturing synthetic paints and other consumer goods. Finally, the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company has joined with Distillers Company in building a plant in Scotland for the production of oil-based chemicals. Work on this project has just begun.

Further plans are in the offing. It is clear that a large new industrial development is under way. Its effect will go far beyond the saving of £10 million imports a year, people in the industry believe that it will lead to additional British exports, directly and indirectly, of at least twice that amount, quite apart from improving the quality of many other British products and opening up possibilities yet unexplored.

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GERMANS APATHETIC OVER THE ELECTION

Frankfurt, August 2.

Germans who live in the three Western zones will elect a national parliament democratically for the first time in over 17 years on August 14—but they are neither interested nor excited. The political birthpains of the federal republic of Germany are quiet and unspectacular. Confirming reports of apathy are springing up from all corners of Trizonia.

However, in the heavily-populated areas are more interested in a struggle to make the new state a democracy. In the high farmlands of Hesse and the French zone, farmers are much more eager to talk over than to talk politics. In the north, at Frankfurt, can go along for weeks without being reminded of the fact that an election campaign is going on. Posters are few in number and small in size.

The state-owned radio, a radio to exactly 40 minutes per week to political parties to discuss the campaign. Only in the top layer of office-holding politicians is there any evidence of sincere interest. No posters demanding the election of friends of the common man or staunch defenders of democracy are in evidence.

Party Rallies Fall Flat

Even that stand-by of German politicians, the party rally, is falling flat this time.

Tubby Carlo Schmid, witty and brilliant spokesman of the Socialist Party spoke in a Stuttgart hall capable of holding 5,000 people. Less than 700 showed up.

On a sunny Sunday afternoon in Hamburg, metropolis of the Western zones, only 2,500 appeared for the highly-advertised meeting of the Christian Democrats.

Informal polls in Hamburg have shown that less than 30 per cent of its citizens are interested in the election. The campaign has been even less effective in the country areas. Farm communities in Schleswig-Holstein and Lower Saxony reported that four weeks for the lists of nominees had passed with less than one per cent of the voters had read them.

Lack Of Funds

All parties complain they are handicapped by lack of money and that they cannot put on a show to tempt the voter. But the Christian Democrats, who have a more reliable source of funds in the Catholic industrialists of the Rhineland, seem to be making no more of a dent in the populace than their less ritually competitors.

Even Trizonia's Communists have been relatively quiet. A few rallies between the Reds and a Right Wing parties occurred in the British zone, but they have been the form of heckling rather than electioneering.

The Socialist stunt of giving away bicycles, books and refrigerators to Ruhr residents who most closely predict the final results caused no flurry of excitement.

Despite this obvious lack of interest, both German and foreign Allied observers are predicting a turn-out of 20,000,000 voters. This represents about two-thirds of the electorate. Political experts are sure that interest will mount in the closing weeks and point to German election records to bear out their claim. Germans traditionally vote early if they have furnished no indication of caring what the results may be.

However, some threaten to play the role of diehards. One un-haired civil servant in Stuttgart grunted: "Damn the elections. I don't want to be de-gratified in 12 years, then de-

Notwithstanding in 24. The been de-Nazified now. That's enough." United Press.

UN APPROVAL OF ARMS INSPECTION

Lake Success, August 3.

The United Nations Conventional Armaments Commission today approved, by eight votes to three, a French proposal for a world census of non-atomic weapons and armed forces.

Egypt, Russia and the Ukraine voted against the proposal, which also called for the setting up of a veto-less international verification agency.

The plan must be approved by the Security Council before action is possible, but a Soviet veto is expected in the Council.

Before the vote, the Russian delegate, M. Semyon Tsarapkin, told the 11-member Commission that the United States, and not Russia, is engaging in an arms race as groundwork for World War III.

He was replying to last Monday's statement by the United States delegate, Mr. Frank Nash, that the Soviet Union would not agree to any arms inventory because she was unwilling to let the rest of the world know how far they have gone in arming themselves for the world conquest which is their avowed goal.

Mr. Tsarapkin said that the United States is covered with an armament fever, propaganda for war against Russia and with military alliance treaties.

The United States Army is three and a half times larger now than before the war and increased military appropriations account for more than half the national budget, M. Tsarapkin said.

"The United States has more than 100 important military bases outside the United States, not counting Germany, where it has 23 bases near the Soviet Union," he said.

U.S. DIPLOMAT MISSING

London, August 2.

Andreas Bodo, tonight reported that a plane and aircraft are searching for an American Embassy official, who with another man, in a small boat, is missing in a motor boat in the Marmara Sea after setting out to bid farewell to United States naval and military forces in Istanbul Harbour. —Reuter.

CHANGES TO BE MADE IN ARMS AID SCHEME

Washington, August 2.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, today agreed to some changes in the arms aid programme after hearing Republican complaints that it would give President Truman too much power.

The Secretaries met for two hours in a secret session with the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees.

Their agreement to modify the US\$1,450,000,000 military aid programme came after Senator Arthur Vandenberg and other Republican foreign policy leaders said the powers proposed for the President are far too broad.

Sensors postponed the hearings from tomorrow until Monday on the military aid programme amid indications that they will attempt to reduce it in size and scope.

Senator Tom Connally (Democrat), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that the joint Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committee will seek the widest possible area of agreement among the members on the foreign aid plan before asking for Senate action.

The actual Bill before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee would authorise \$500,000,000 less than the sum requested by the President.

Senator Connally's announcement came after Mr. Acheson and Mr. Johnson, had talked with the Senate group behind closed doors.

Some Senators are reported to have told the Foreign Affairs Committee that the Bill involves too wide a grant of powers to the President and more than the stop gap programme on which they had been insisting.

Main Objection

They object primarily to a provision which would authorise President Truman to make arms available to any nation in the world.

Senator Connally said that the Senators had discussed a possible modification of the Bill in some small particulars.

The combined Committees will meet again on Friday. A closed session, thus delaying the start of the Senate hearings until Monday, he added.

Earlier today, Mr. Averell Harriman, Marshall Plan roving Ambassador, told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee that failure to adopt the foreign military aid programme now would mean the loss of valuable time.

"I earnestly believe that we are winning the struggle for peace and freedom in Europe," he said.

"To succeed, America must be resolute and steadfast," he added.

Hard Core Of Defence

He declared that if the programme is not adopted, it would cost more in the long run, and put off the day when the United States could count on the contribution of the Western European nations to her security.

Referring to a suggested delay pending the setting up of the North Atlantic Treaty's military organisation, Mr. Harriman said that the Western Union countries had been working for more than a year on the development of a unified plan of mutual defence.

"These countries are the hard core of the European defence," he stated.

"Their current military budgets provide for the equivalent of nearly \$5,000,000,000. As far as they are concerned, work has already been done in developing armament deficiencies of existing units.

"We are considering military assistance to nations who have

indicated, by joining the North Atlantic Treaty, their readiness to fight in the common cause to resist aggression.

"Their will to fight and their ability to fight can be greatly strengthened by assistance from us."

Big Industrial Potential

"For our own security, for the interests of our young people who have to deal with the condition that our actions create, it is my conviction that we should seize this opportunity to strengthen the will and ability of these nations, both to deter aggression and to reinforce them as Allies."

Mr. Harriman said that it was not alone the size of Western Europe's populations which was important but the skill and productivity of their workmen which was far greater than those of Russia and her satellites.

"Their industrial potential, on which, as General Bradley said, military strength rests, is greater, and combined with ours, enormously greater," he declared.

He reminded the Committee that the United States had a steel capacity of 30,000,000 tons, and the other participants in the North Atlantic Pact about 40,000,000 tons.

"Russia and her satellites, together have probably a production of less than 30,000,000 tons. It does not seem unreasonable to me to believe that the free countries of Europe can develop over a period of time defensive military forces which, joined together through the Atlantic Pact with ours, will be able to withstand aggression."

No Relaxing

"The contribution of the European military establishment, when developed, will add immeasurably to our security and will affect the size of our own security forces that we must maintain in the future."

Mr. Harriman said: "I have never been so optimistic as today that the maintenance of peace and freedom was within our reach in Europe, provided we carry out vigorously the policies and programmes in which we are engaged, including the military assistance programme, and provided we recognise that we face forces determined and persistent, which must be met with equal determination and perseverance."

Mr. Harriman added: "We cannot relax because of early successes. The task is not too easy and requires continuing the present-day sacrifices."

His confidence came in the first place from the rapid growth of understanding of the American people and the steps they had supported, and secondly, from a similar response in Europe.

As Mr. Harriman testified, the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, conferred behind closed

Newsman's Bardic Honours

Dolgelly, Merioneth, August 2.

Mr. F. T. Jones, a 44-year-old Welsh newspaperman, scored the much-coveted Bardic "double" when he was declared the Crown poet of the Royal Welsh National Eisteddfod (Arts Festival) here today.

Mr. Jones, heir to a tradition stretching back a 1,000 years or more, had also won the Bardic Chair at the Gwynn Bay Festival two years ago.

Wearing their long colourful robes, poets from Ireland, Britain and Cornwall took part in today's crowning ceremony before an audience of 10,000 and in view of the majestic Cader Idris Mountains.

No one knows how ancient is the custom of the Eisteddfod. Almost every district in Wales holds an Eisteddfod at least once a year, with contests in music, poetry, prose, and arts and crafts of all kinds.

Welsh bards were a hereditary order at least a 1,000 years on. They lost their privileges after the conquest by Edward I of England in 1284, until the Tudor sovereigns—themselves Welsh—revived the institution.

Records tell of national Eisteddfods at Carmarthen in 1550 and at Caerwyns in 1522, and on 1568, and there were certainly hundreds of minor ones.

At the end of the 18th century, societies sprang up throughout Wales to foster literature, music and the Welsh language.

The National Eisteddfod is now held during the first week of August in alternate years in North and South Wales. To their English neighbours, the people of Wales seem just Welsh, but within Wales itself the great Central Mountains act as a cultural and linguistic barrier, and the alternate Northern and Southern ceremonies, therefore, stress the truly national character of the Royal Welsh Eisteddfod.—Reuter.

doors with members of the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees.

Aid To Greece

Mr. Harry Grady, United States Ambassador to Greece, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee today that any reduction in American military aid would have a disastrous effect on the spirit of the Greek Army.

"Had it not been for the continued flow of American material there would have been a complete breakdown in the Greek economy and a collapse of resistance to the foreign-supported attempt to impose a Communist regime in Greece," he said.

Mr. Grady said that United Nations efforts had been effective only in limiting and disguising the aggressive acts against Greece by the Eastern European countries.

The total guerrilla strength in Greece is now about 18,000 combatants compared with nearly 30,000 last year, Mr. Grady said.—Reuter.

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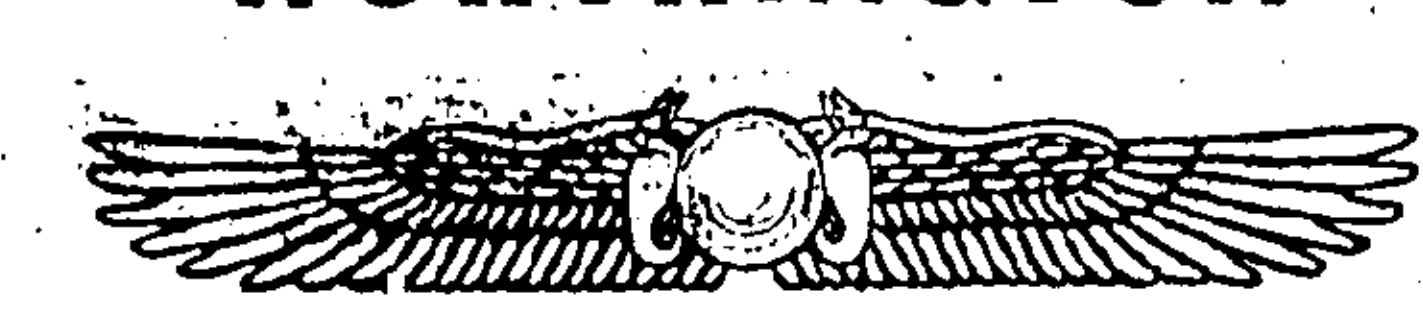
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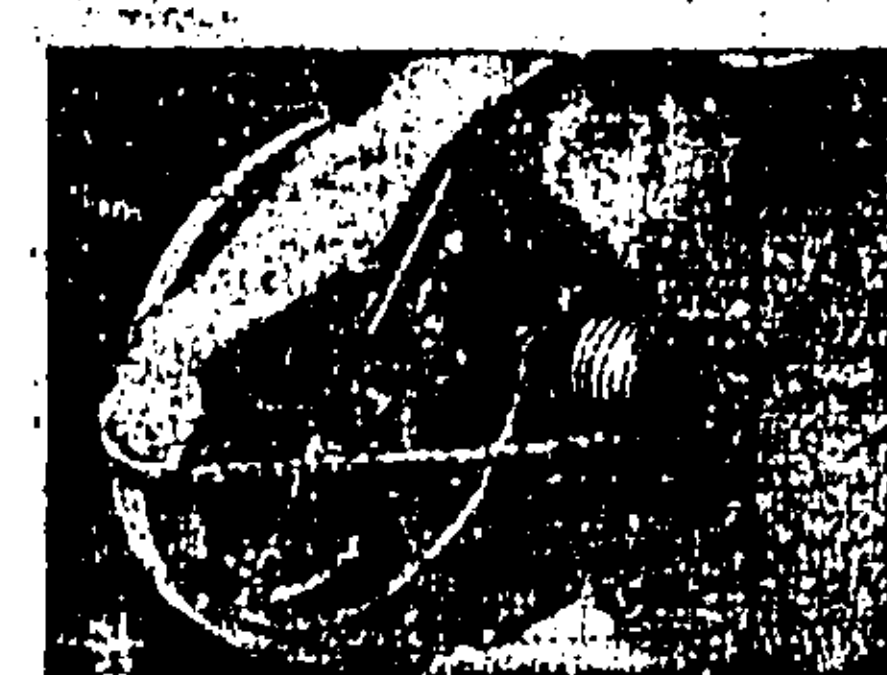
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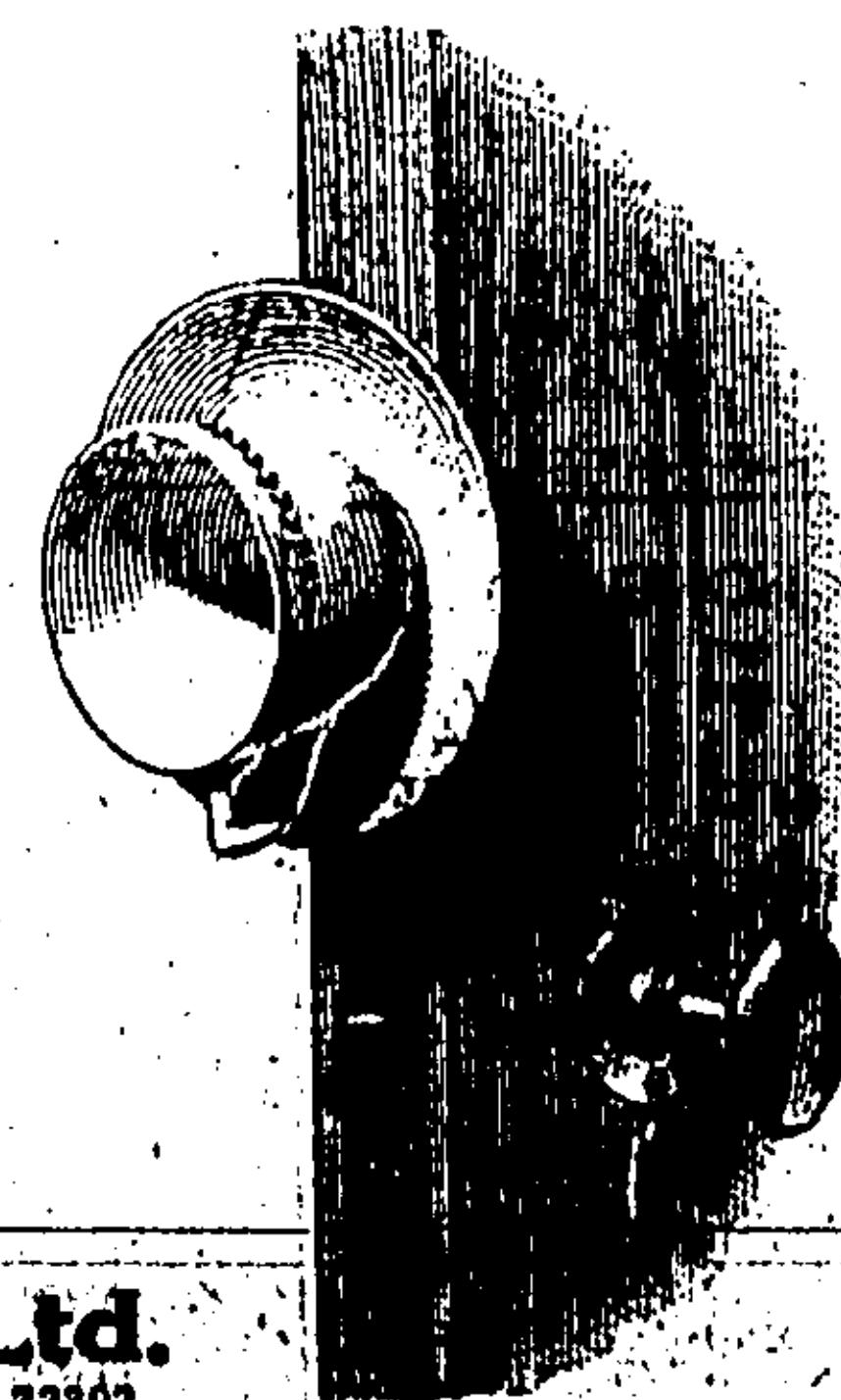
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London, August 2.

Admiralty today announced the retirement of Admiral Sir William Tennant, Commander-in-Chief of Britain's American and West Indies Squadron from 1946 until last April. Admiral Tennant was in command of the battleship Repulse when she was sunk by Japanese in the Pacific in December, 1941.

THE FOOD CRISIS IN INDIA

New Delhi, August 2.

The Food Ministers of the Government of India and the Indian provinces and States endorsed at a meeting yesterday and today the Indian Government's decision to stop all food imports after 1951.

They recommended that all the Provincial Governments should strive their utmost to make this decision effective.

They also accepted the principle of enforcing austerity measures in the country, not only to the Government to work out the details.

The conference, reflecting the recent call of Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, that India's food problem should be tackled in a war footing, suggested that:

1. Rationing should continue.
2. The polishing of rice should be banned completely, thereby increasing output.

3. A reduction of the consumption of rice should be encouraged by the substitution of other grains.

4. The handling of imported grain at ports should be improved.

India is currently planning a village-to-village campaign to achieve self-sufficiency in food production by 1951.—Reuter.

Hitler Had Plans For The Church

Frankfurt, August 3. Although Adolf Hitler did not plan to appoint a "German Pope," he envisaged the idea of appointing "national popes" for such Catholic countries as Italy and Spain, according to a "secret diary" of the Nazi philosopher, Alfred Rosenberg, which was published in the American German-language periodical "Der Monat" by the Rosenberg prosecutor, Dr. Robert W. Kempner.

According to Rosenberg, Hitler planned to deal decisively with Christianity after the war.

"We must take it away from the education of miners. Only adults may be called upon to join the Church. Nobody will be allowed to become a priest until he has first served in the armed forces," Rosenberg said that Hitler had told him in 1941.

In the struggle for absolute control of the State, the Church would have to submit, otherwise "only the tactics not the principle of suppression will have to be considered,"—Reuter.

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Gales Lash British Coast

London, August 2.
Gales up to 70 miles an hour lashed Britain's coasts today and gave Channel steamers their roughest crossings since the war.

Tonight's official weather forecasts said the wind will moderate tomorrow.

Channel steamers were swept by huge seas as they ploughed through the storm. The Channel car ferry from Calais to Folkestone was five hours late.

In many parts of Britain orchards and gardens suffered gale damage.—Reuter.

Foreign Office Appointment

London, August 2.
The Foreign Office today announced the appointment of Paul H. Gore-Booth as the new Director of the British Information Services in the United States.

He succeeds W. P. N. Edwards, who, after three years as Director, has accepted a job as Assistant Chief of the Federation of British Industries.

Forty years old, Mr. Gore-Booth is a British diplomat who held diplomatic posts in Vienna, 1936-37; Japan, 1938-42; and Washington, 1942-45.—Associated Press.

STARTLING SPEECH BY MARSHAL TITO

Belgrade, August 2.

Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia today pledged his country's full help to any popular uprising in Bulgaria or Albania aimed at overthrowing the present Cominform-supporting regimes. Speaking to an officially-estimated 350,000 Macedonians at Skopje on the fifth anniversary of the Yugoslav Macedonian Republic, Marshal Tito said:

"I think the time will come when the Bulgarian people, ignoring base and shameful slanders, will be able to extend their fraternal hand to us and we will help them remove whatever individuals who have so far put up obstacles to the creation and preservation of brotherly relations. The position with Albania is the same."

Speaking in the huge square named after him along the banks of the Vardar River in the centuries-old city, which has been a conqueror's gateway for generations, Tito attacked the Cominform and the Bulgarian and Greek Communist parties for stirring new old Balkan rivalry. "They cast their eyes on Macedonia," said Tito of the Bulgarian Communist leaders, "but it was counting chickens before they were hatched."

Charges Rejected
"The Cominform resolution offered an opportunity to leaders of the Communist Party of Bul-

on his country but that nothing could come of their "megalomania."

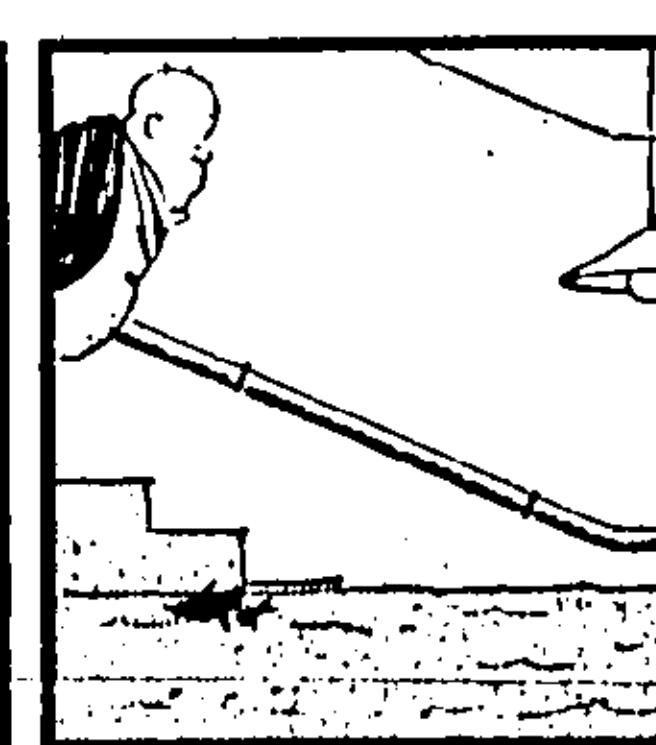
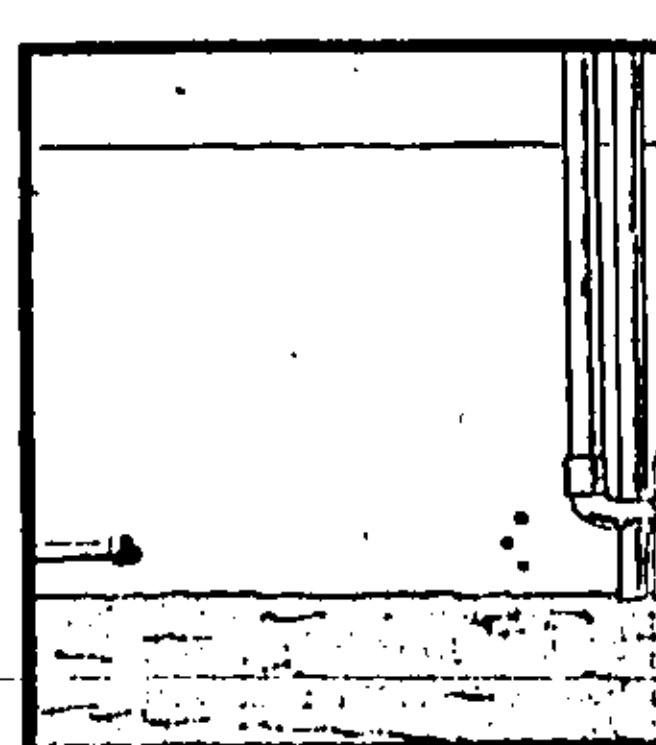
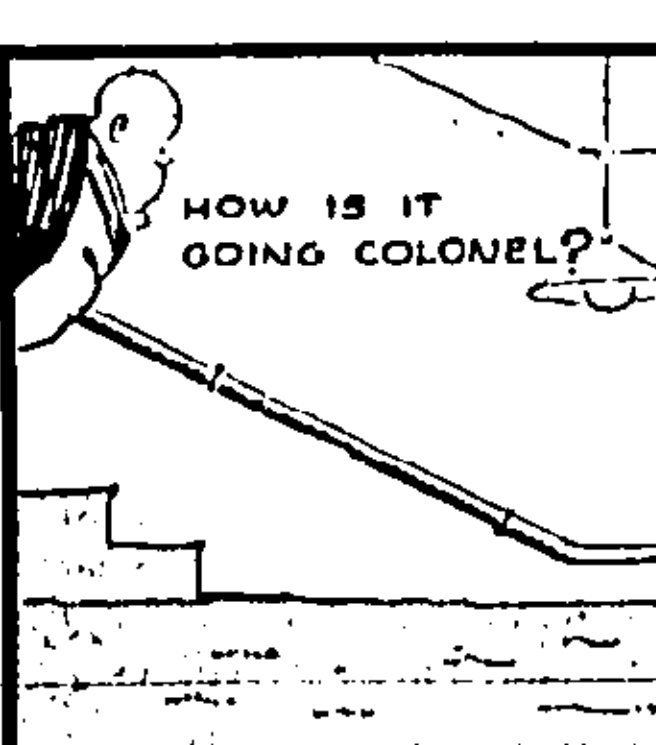
"Do you think there are not among the Communist leaders in Hungary and Rumania who are quite audibly whispering—'their States are Socialist and Yugoslavia is traditionally Catholic-capitalist'—that something should be wrenched from Yugoslavia?" the Marshal asked. Marshal Tito added that power, from whatever direction might come, could divert Yugoslavia from her first chosen path to Socialism.—United Press and Reuter.

EDUCATION IN SOVIET UNION

Moscow, August 2.
About 34,000,000 pupils will be attending more than 220,000 schools in the Soviet Union this summer, the Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" reported today. Universities will admit about 1,000,000 first year students.

"Pravda" called for a determined speeding up in the rate of school construction, the completion of all new buildings by the start of the new academic year and decisive steps to re-equip school premises now used for other purposes.—Reuter.

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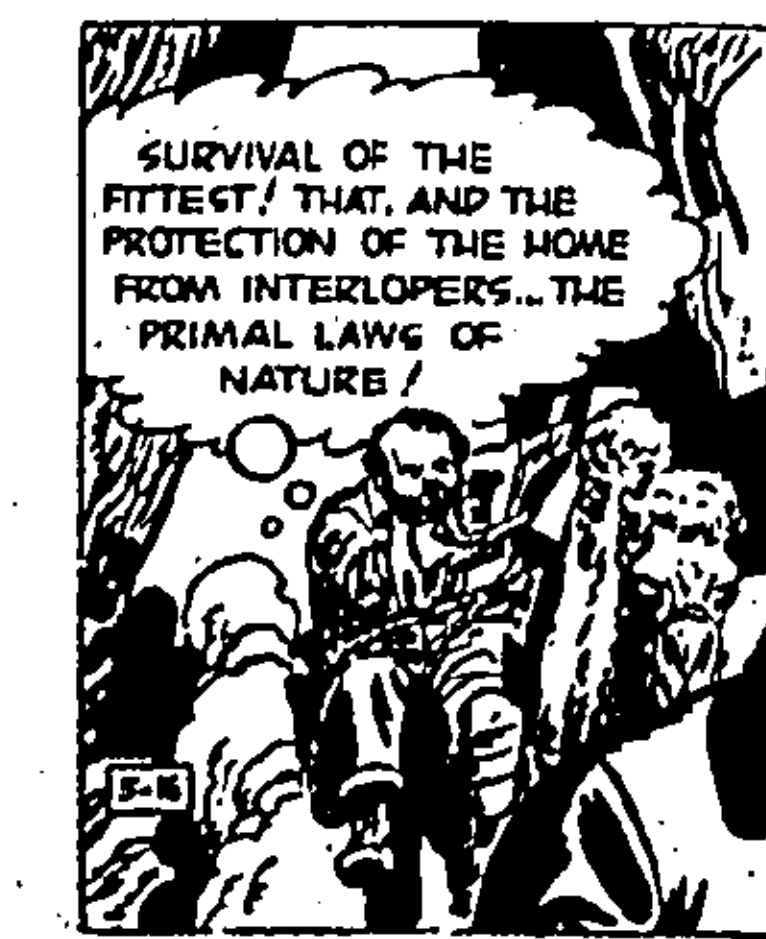
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London, August 2.

Concubine, Widow In Will Dispute

A claim that she is sole executrix named in the will of her late husband, a retired laundryman, was made by 60-year-old Lai Ah-chai, of 143 Nanchang Street, second floor, before Mr. Justice Williams at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The claim was brought against Fung Yau-hung, concubine of the deceased, of 181 Tung Choi Street, second floor. The will was issued against the defendant as the lawful concubine of deceased because the defendant had entered a caveat (process to suspend proceedings).

The will was dated June 4, 1948 and bequeathed to Young Shui-shaw, late of Tai Po Village, Hak Shan district, Kwangtung Province.

Plaintiff therefore sought to have her said will established.

Date Of Death

Defendant denied that the plaintiff was ever appointed executrix under any will as alleged. She further claimed that Young Shui-shaw died on June 10, 1943, and not on June 16, 1948, as alleged by the plaintiff. She further stated that in the event of any such will as alleged in the statement of claim being produced, such will was a forgery or, in the alternative invalid and improperly executed.

Fund counter-claimed that she was the sole executrix appointed under the will of Young Shui-shaw, and that the will bore the date March 3, 1941.

The plaintiff then gave evidence on her own behalf, after which hearing was adjourned until this morning.

Mr. Dewey Chen instructed by A.S.K. Law and Company represented the widow. The concubine was represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford on the instructions of Hastings and Company.

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12.30 p.m.	"Hong Kong Calling"
12.35 p.m.	"From the Films"
1.00 p.m.	A Short Strain Programme
1.15 p.m.	News, Weather Report and Announcements
1.25 p.m.	Interlude
1.30 p.m.	"Orchestra of the Week"
1.40 p.m.	London Philharmonic Orchestra
2.00 p.m.	Cher Decca
2.05 p.m.	"Hong Kong Calling"
2.12 p.m.	Children's Story "Winter Holiday" by Arthur Honegger, Read by Captain Platt, Episode 5th (Studio)
2.40 p.m.	A Light Concert with the Boston Promenade Orchestra
2.50 p.m.	"Howe Boat Day" Present-ed by Paul Stuart, (Studio)
3.30 p.m.	La Bonheure Francaise, (Studio)
8.00 p.m.	World News and News Analysis (London Relay)
8.15 p.m.	Book Review by Ruth Kirby (Studio)
8.30 p.m.	"Time" (BBC)
9.00 p.m.	"From the Editorials" (London Relay)
9.30 p.m.	Weather Report
9.35 p.m.	"World Theatre" John Gielgud in "The Family Reunion" by T. S. Eliot Part 1. (BBC)
10.05 p.m.	Kingsway Symphony Orchestra with Vocal by Nelson Eddy
10.30 p.m.	"Thursday Serenade" A Programme of Continuous Music
11.00 p.m.	Radio News Reel (London Relay)
11.15 p.m.	Weather Report and Summary of News
11.20 p.m.	Close Down

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7.15 a.m.	Setting up Exercises
7.30 a.m.	Modest Clock
7.45 a.m.	The Ransom Lighter Show
8.00 a.m.	News and Weather Forecast
8.15 a.m.	Olympic Motors Programme
8.30 a.m.	Good Morning
8.40 a.m.	Thursday's News
10.00 a.m.	Morning Melody
11.00 a.m.	Music for All
12.00 p.m.	Song of the Islands
12.15 p.m.	Time Time
12.30 p.m.	Interval Signal
12.35 p.m.	From the Films
1.00 p.m.	Light Variety
1.15 p.m.	News
1.30 p.m.	Orchestra of the Week
2.00 p.m.	Variety Calls the Tune
4.15 p.m.	Tropicana
4.30 p.m.	Vocally Yours
5.00 p.m.	Music Makers
5.15 p.m.	Children's Corner
5.30 p.m.	Memories of Yesterday
5.45 p.m.	Maestro Jordan Orchestra
6.15 p.m.	Light Refreshment
7.00 p.m.	Listen to Teller (Gilman)
7.15 p.m.	Smile Awhile (Ipsa)
7.30 p.m.	The Quintet Programme "The Story of Flight"
7.45 p.m.	The Super-Cola Programme
8.00 p.m.	HBC News
8.15 p.m.	The Stars Sing (Nettle)
8.30 p.m.	"Kina"
8.45 p.m.	Dance Time-Victor Silver
9.30 p.m.	The Balcon Concert
10.00 p.m.	HBC World News
10.10 p.m.	Local News
10.15 p.m.	Light Melody
10.40 p.m.	Thursday Serenade
11.00 p.m.	Stardust
11.15 p.m.	Soft Lights and Sweet
Midnight	Close Down

Britain today joined the United States in rejecting the Soviet accusations that Italy had violated her peace treaty by joining the Atlantic Pact.

A British reply said that the Soviet protest appeared to be based on a misconception of the nature of the North Atlantic Treaty. "That treaty is not an aggressive instrument," it said.

The British reply, which was handed to the Soviet Embassy here today, was worded similarly to the United States rejection of the Soviet protest.

It recalled a British note to Russia of April 12 which said that the text of the Atlantic Pact made clear its completely defensive nature and that it was directed only against armed aggression.

The British reply added: "It follows that, in signing the North Atlantic Treaty, the Italian Government have not in fact, or by implication, committed any breach of the Treaty of Peace."

The structure has no effect on the military or other provisions of the Peace Treaty with Italy. There is no foundation for the charge, either that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, as one of the powers issuing the invitation to the Italian Government to sign the North Atlantic Treaty, or that the Italian Government, in accepting the invitation, have committed any violation, actual or potential, of any of those articles of the Peace Treaty enumerated by Your Excellency."

The Foreign Office simultaneously published the text of the Soviet protest, which was made in a letter dated July 19. In this letter, the Soviet Union asserted that "In joining the signatories of the North Atlantic Pact, the Italian Government agree to the measures for the increase of their armed forces and armament production beyond the limits established by the peace treaty."

After citing a series of articles of the peace treaty which the Soviet Union alleged were violated by the Italian accession, the letter accused Britain, apparently "one of the chief organisers of the North Atlantic Pact, and the initiator of the invitation to Italy to join this bloc," of some responsibility "for the above-mentioned violations of the Italian Peace Treaty."

U.S. Rejection

The United States rejected as utterly without foundation official Soviet claims that the North Atlantic treaty had aggressive aims and violated the Italian peace treaty.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, rejected the twin Soviet charges in a note delivered to the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Alexander Panyushkin. This was in reply to the Soviet note received several weeks ago.

The note said: "The United States Government most regret the allegation in the (Soviet) note under the reference that the North Atlantic treaty pursues aggressive aims."

Mr. Acheson quoted the statement issued in Washington on April 2 by the Foreign Ministers of the Atlantic Pact nations, which also rejected Soviet claims that the treaty was an aggressive instrument aimed at Russia. The Foreign Ministers said then that the pact was not directed against any nation or group of nations, but only against armed aggression.

Quite Free

Mr. Acheson also rejected Russia's charge that Italy's participation in the pact violated the peace treaty, which limited Italy's armed forces. He pointed out that the State Department informed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on April 23 that Italy's participation in the pact had no effect on military provisions or any other provisions of the Italian peace treaty.

The United States note said that so far as the United States is aware, Italy is seeking no changes in the military provisions of the treaty. It said the U.S. Government feels that Italy is not prevented by the peace treaty from participating in the North Atlantic Pact.

"Italy is left quite free by provisions of the peace treaty to join with other states in a collective defence arrangement, in view of the foregoing considerations, the United States Government must reject as utterly without foundation charges contained in Soviet note No. 49 of July 19."

French Note

France tonight also rejected the Soviet charges.

She did this in a note on the lines of an American note announced today in Washington, and which was handed to the Soviet Ambassador in reply to a Soviet protest.

The full text of the reply will not be published until tomorrow, but a French Foreign Office summary said that Atlantic Pact was exclusively defensive.

France accepted the Soviet declaration of March 31 that Russia had no intention of attacking any country and the Soviet Government should not, therefore, be disarmed by an alliance which could not, in these circumstances, be against it, the summary added.

Celebration Of Feast Of St. Dominic

The Community of Rosary Hill will celebrate the feast of the Holy Founder, St. Dominic de Guzman, with appropriate religious festivities today. Vespers were solemnly sung at 4 p.m. yesterday.

At 7 a.m. today Mass and Lauds will be sung by the Community choir. The solemn High Mass will take place at 9.30 a.m. and Rosary and solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at 6.15 p.m.

The Father Superior of the Franciscan Community will officiate at the solemn High Mass following an age-long tradition based on the legendary friendship between Franciscans and Dominicans.

According to the story, St. Dominic and St. Francis met for the first time in Rome some seven centuries ago. They recognised each other as though they had from childhood grown up under the same roof. They gave each other the embrace of peace, according to the medieval custom, sealing thus for centuries the friendship of their Orders.

This legend is recalled yesterday when on St. Francis' day the Friars Preacher officiate, while the officiating on St. Dominic's day is done by the Friars Minor.

This year the feast of St. Dominic will be enhanced not merely by the splendour of the solemn religious services, but also by the participation of several other religious communities from China sheltered within the premises of Rosary Hill, such as the Augustinians, Recollect Fathers and students, seminarians (will in excess of 100) from different seminaries of scattered dioceses of war-torn China; the presence of His Lordship Bishop Theng, and also the august presence of His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Tien of Peking.

TRAFFIC CASE

The case of a traffic accident which involved a CNAC bus and a private car on August 17 in Kowloon was continued before Mr. Blair Kerr yesterday.

Chan Yu-lin, the defendant, is being charged with driving a car without a valid licence, driving in a dangerous manner and without due care and caution.

Defendant was represented by Mr. Sydney Ng Quinn and Inspector J. Orem conducted the case for the prosecution.

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